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## Who's Who and What's What

**Dr. S. H. Jones** of Brookhaven preached in the revival meeting at Heuck's Retreat the last week in July.

**Brookhaven Church** sent \$95.73 to help the missionaries of the British Baptists who are left helpless by war conditions.

**Rev. J. T. Fielder** of Brownwood, Texas, becomes principal of Acadia Academy, Baptist school in the French Territory of Louisiana.

**Dr. N. O. Patterson** reports a good meeting in his church at Canoe, Ala., in which eight were received for baptism, all adults except one. Three joined by letter.

**Dr. J. I. Cossey** says in the Arkansas Baptist that while the population of the country has in the past 25 years increased 35%, Northern Baptist members have been virtually at a standstill, about 1,500,000.

**Dr. Leek** in the Alabama Baptist says that the manager of a base ball team in Alabama which is owned by a liquor dealer was recently fired because he appeared on the ground too full of his owner's goods.

**Dr. James A. Kirtley** becomes professor of Religion and Sociology at Judson College, Marion, Ala. For seventeen years he has been associated with Tennessee Woman's College in Murfreesboro, and for several years dean.

**Rev. Milton Whitten** accepts the call to the pastorate in Hernando. He is an alumnus of Mississippi College, and since his graduation from the Louisville Seminary has been pastor in Macksburg, Ky. We are glad to welcome him back to Mississippi.

**Cato**: The annual revival meeting started at Cato Baptist Church in Rankin County the fourth Sunday in July. Had a fine meeting. Best attendance in several years. Two for baptism. Brother Sidney Johnston of Jackson assisted us.—Chas. C. Jones, Pastor.

**The National Baptist Convention, Incorporated**, meets in Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 4-10. This is made up of over 4,000,000 Negro Baptists in every part of America. The president, Dr. L. K. Williams of Chicago is one of the vice-presidents of the Baptist World Alliance. They expect 5,000 messengers.

**O. C. Miller**, formerly superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, has been named Dean of Tennessee College for Women, at Murfreesboro, Tenn. The school is the only four year girl college in the state, and is sponsored by the Baptist denomination. The appointment will become effective September 1, and in the meantime he will visit associations and speak for the college, and will solicit students.

Fifty years ago such a magazine as the "Police Gazette" was considered so indecent that it could scarcely be found in any self-respecting home. It was read only by people who had no sense of modesty and were given over to hardness of heart. It was a place for the display of nakedness. But today "respectable" people do not hesitate to have on the tables of their living rooms popular magazines with exposures of nudity which utterly eclipse anything the "Police Gazette" had to show. How long do you think the Lord is going to stand for such degeneracy?

Miss Susan Adams who has been Young People's secretary for the Florida W. M. U. goes to the same kind of work in Oklahoma.

**Dr. O. L. Gibson** goes from the pastorate in Stillwater, Okla., to Fayetteville, Ark. A state college is at Stillwater and the State University at Fayetteville.

The church at Magee gave over \$100.00 to the special offering to help the missionaries of the British Baptists who have been left without support on the foreign field.

**Two ex-Mississippians**, now in Oklahoma are pictured in the Baptist Messenger of August 1. They are among the leaders in preparation for the State Assembly at Fall's Creek, one of the biggest in the world.

**Brother D. H. Butler** reports a good meeting in Zion's Rest Church in Wayne County, Rev. Pat Hooper, pastor. The crowds overflowed the church and were seated in trucks just outside the building. The spirit of the meeting was excellent and there were seven conversions.

**Pastor A. J. Linton** reports a gracious meeting in Calvary Church, near Ellisville July 20-28. Rev. J. J. Hedgepeth preached the gospel with power. The largest attendance ever; good interest and good attention. There were eight additions, six for baptism. The church gave the visiting preacher the largest offering in its history, and is giving more for missions. Brother Linton goes to a meeting in Calvary Church, Perry County, and asks your prayers.

The church at Clinton on last Sunday elected an assistant to the pastor who will have charge of the young people's work, and of the music, and will assist in other ways. He is Brother W. L. Ball, a native of South Carolina, alumnus of Furman University and of the Louisville Seminary. He has been doing similar work in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Half of his salary will be paid by Mississippi College.

**Pastor Wm. Lowrey Compere** reports a very helpful young people's revival at Franklinton, La., which blessed the whole church. Rev. Frank Campbell, son of Dr. L. Bracey Campbell of New Orleans and recent graduate of Mississippi College, preached. The singing was led by Owen Williams, Jr., also a student in Mississippi College. Two young ladies from Jackson, Miss., were very helpful, Misses Electra Warren and Christine Hollis.

The Clarion Ledger of last Sunday gave pictures and an account of Hinds County officers disposing of stacks of confiscated liquor by having them poured down the city sewers. Deacon Henry Riser of Calvary Church was chief deputy and was shown in charge of the destruction of the liquor. County Attorney Hugh Gillespie started the raids and he and all who assisted him are worthy of all praise in this work of enforcing the law and seeking to punish the guilty.

**Rev. L. W. Ferrell** helped in a meeting in Tangipahoa church, Amite County, July 24-28. His were great gospel sermons and much good was done. There were 21 additions to the church, twelve by baptism. Since brother A. W. Talbert became pastor here three years ago, a Sunday school annex of seven rooms has been built, a light plant installed, and a new roof put on the building. There are 140 enrolled in the Sunday school; a good B. T. U. and the church went from one-fourth to half time preaching. There is no indebtedness.

**Luther J. Holcomb** goes to Durant, Oklahoma, September 1.

The church that doesn't give to the British Baptist fund will be the church that isn't asked.—L. D. Newton.

**Rev. Milton Whitten** writes: We are located on our new field as pastor of First Church, Hernando. Glad to get back home.

The Short Creek Church in Yazoo County begins a revival meeting August 11. Pastor Speights asks all to come. Rev. Chas. McKay, former pastor will preach.

There were fifteen additions to the Clifton Church, Scott County, where Pastor S. I. Smith was assisted by Rev. H. B. Benson of Norwood, La. At Harperville Brother Smith will be assisted by Rev. L. W. Ferrell of Jackson beginning Aug. 11th.

During our meeting at Pleasant Hill Church in Copiah County this year we had Brother J. B. Smith from Ackerman as preacher and Brother J. T. Smith from Newton as singer. They make a good team for the Lord and there were four who gave their hearts to the Lord.—John W. Cook, Pastor.

Calvary Church, Jackson, gave their new pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Claud Bowen a great welcome. The first service, Sunday morning was most auspicious. The large auditorium was crowded and the gallery filled. The pastor preached on the text, "The Word of God is not bound." There were eleven additions during the day.

In the Bible School at Union Church sponsored jointly by Union Church and Pleasant Hill churches there were seventy children enrolled with an average attendance of sixty-eight. Miss Kennedy from the Sunday School Board acted as principal. There was a fine spirit of cooperation among the workers and the children enjoyed the week.—Jno. W. Cook, Pastor.

From the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma we learn that Dr. W. R. White, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City has accepted the second call of the trustees to become president of Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Texas. Dr. White had declined the first invitation, but is now convinced that it is God's call to him to train young people for religious and civic leadership. Dr. White will be a worthy successor to the late Dr. J. D. Sandifer, for he is a man of deep religious convictions, and passionate devotion to the gospel of Christ. He is the type of man needed at the head of a Christian college. Hardin-Simmons University has a plant valued at a million dollars, and an endowment of a million and a half.

Brother M. W. Steen reports a good meeting at Antioch Church in Rankin County. Rev. W. S. Landrum preached and Miss Crone of Hillman College directed the Daily Vacation Bible School. The pastor taught the class of adults who were intensely interested in the Bible teaching on the second coming of Christ, the average attendance of this class alone being above 40. The entire school attendance was over 100. The church has had a genuine revival and is ready to stimulate the young people to greater service. There were nine additions to the church. We are grateful for the interest among our young people. Miss Crone greatly endeared herself to all the people. She is well prepared for this work and had a kind word for everybody. Eight of the nine new converts came out of the Junior Department.

## Sparks and Splinters

First Church, Dallas, Texas, gave over \$6,000 to the relief of British Baptist missionaries.

J. T. Tolar of Big Cane, La., baptized 27 at the close of a meeting in which Rev. E. R. Pinson preached.

We suggest a "spelling bee" for the editors and others who write for the papers. Might start with the word combating.

Pastor M. F. Wilson of Oak Ridge Church, Mer Rouge, La., was assisted in a good meeting by Dr. J. H. Hooks of Rayville.

Mr. P. C. Barton of Jonesboro, Ark., one of the most prominent Baptist laymen in the state recently passed away at the age of 84. He is a brother of Drs. A. J. and L. E. Barton.

Liberty Church has just closed a successful revival, the pastor, Rev. C. M. Day, doing the preaching. Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Butler had charge of the music. There were 11 additions by baptism and three by letter.

Rev. O. H. Buckley writes: I am writing to let you know we have moved to Tangipahoa to take over their church. I have a half-time work now and think I will have full-time soon. People are very nice to us. They have just recently repaired and repainted the church.

Van Winkle was again honored with visiting speakers Sunday during the absence of our pastor. Rev. J. H. Winstead brought the message for the morning service and Mrs. O. M. Jones from the Baptist Book Store brought the evening message.

Brother N. J. Lee has been with Brother Q. C. Barrett this week in a meeting at Richburg. A characteristic feature of the services was the large number of all ages taking part in the prayer groups. Six members were received, five for baptism.

Dr. Jno. W. Inzer wants three sermons a day at the Southern Baptist Convention. Even that wouldn't give all of us a chance. But it might be one way of "moving" a congregation. One way of distributing the "honor" would be to put the preachers' wives on the committee.

Pace: We have just closed a successful meeting with the Pace Baptist Church. Rev. E. G. Evans is the faithful pastor and a real worker in the Kingdom. His people are progressive and loyal. The Lord blessed us daily and all of our hearts were made stronger in the faith.—J. W. Sturdivant.

Flora: Rev. Charlie Webb, pastor at Flora reports a good meeting which has just closed there. Dr. Leo Green of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary did the preaching and Prof. J. F. Evans of Mississippi State led the singing. He reports that they had a revival of religion within their own hearts and lives. There were 12 additions by baptism and two by letter.

Bethesda: The Bethesda Baptist Church will hold its annual revival services beginning Aug. 18th and continuing through August 23rd. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Langley, will be assisted by Rev. Owen Williams, Sr., of Utica. Owen Williams, Jr., will lead the singing. The public is cordially invited to attend this series of services.—Sybil Spivey.

McDonald: "For by grace are ye saved through faith," was the theme of our revival. The preaching was done by Rev. L. O. Dewease from Noxapater. There were three additions to the church. We are very thankful for the opportunity to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Pray for us, and with us that God's will may be done.—Ernest D. Crenshaw, Pastor.

Madden: Was in revival meeting with Madden Baptists July 22-26. A fine spirit prevailed, much genuine interest shown, four professions of faith in Christ. It was a real pleasure to be with Pastor Carlisle who is serving them for the first year. Our offering for the British appeal here at Union was \$34.75 on July 21 and some others are expecting to have a definite part.—Lawrence B. Cobb.

### POSTCARD PARAGRAPH

By M. E. Dodd

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What the Prime Minister of Great Britain said to the British is good for Baptists.

"The Prime Minister expects of all his Majesty's servants in high places to set an example of steadiness and resolution. They should check and rebuke expressions of loose and ill digested opinion in their circles or by their subordinates.

"They should not hesitate to remove any officers or officials who are found to be consciously exercising a disturbing or depressing influence and whose talk is calculated to spread alarm and despondency."

Denominational leaders, deacons and other church leaders who listen sympathetically to loose, irresponsible and hurtful talk are as guilty as the talkers.

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Rev. H. W. Roberson, pastor at Brandon, has been at the Baptist Hospital for the past three weeks, suffering with an infected arm. It is not known how long it will be necessary for him to be in the hospital, and he asks for our prayers. Our hope and prayers are that he will soon be able to be back at his work.

Last year Mary Hardin-Baylor College had students from two foreign countries and thirteen states. For 1940-41 students from Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Wyoming have made reservations for next year.

The death of Mr. V. P. Wait at Senatobia last week is a great loss to his church and community. He was a deacon in the Senatobia church and active in many developments of the work. His father was one of the leading men in Tate County. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Ruth Standifer Wait and a son and daughter. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Dr. H. L. Martin.

Beulah: Our meeting at Beulah, Simpson Co., lasted eight days, beginning the First Sunday in July. Rev. M. E. Perry did the preaching, and the singing was led by J. M. Bishop. Great soul-stirring messages brought crowds, inspite of the fact that it rained six of the seven days of the meeting. We had a general revival, and there were 30 additions to the church, 22 by baptism. The Lord be praised for the blessings.—D. W. Moulder.

Carlton, Texas: Rev. L. S. Cole came to us on the fifteenth and remained through the twenty-sixth of July. His preaching was of the highest type, filled with deep spiritual fervor. The attendance was the best I have witnessed in Carlton. There were 23 additions to the church, 17 of this number by baptism. Brother Cole is doing a monumental work at Refugio, Texas. He is to be in your state for a revival soon.—Stephen W. Miller, Pastor.

Beginning August 7, Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, editorial secretary of the American Bible Society, will give a weekly series of devotional addresses, "The Positive Answer to the World's Design." These addresses may be heard each Wednesday at 11:30 a. m. (C.S.T.) over the Blue Network of N. B. C. The subjects for August are: Aug. 7, "Listen"; Aug. 14, "Boring Through Mountains"; Aug. 21, "Turning Up the Lamp"; Aug. 28, "The Riddle of the World." Dr. Stifler was formerly associated with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and was pastor of the First Baptist Church of East Orange, New Jersey.

One writer recently favored the World Council on the ground that it would afford each church group to present its own particular views of the Bible teaching. Wait a minute brother. If you don't know that the purpose of the World Council is not to discuss differences, but to bury them and forget them, then you've got something to learn. Everybody knows who knows anything about it that the Council is not organized as a debating society, but to promote the "ecumenical mind," to encourage union and cooperation. Don't let this ecclesiastical robot talk one way out of one side of its mouth and a different way out of the other.

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

### "RELIGIOUS DEADBEATS"

There are a lot of people in this world who would not think of not belonging to a church. They have made a profession of faith and been baptized. They do or do not attend the services, the majority of this type go very little, but they will not give anything or do anything. They want somebody else to pay all the bills and do all the work.

We have lamentably cheapened church membership. I positively believe that every church should require some definite minimum in the matter of church attendance and financial support as a requisite to the maintenance of church membership. Never for a moment would I countenance making membership in the church a financial burden, but at the same time I believe that every member ought to give something even if it is not but one penny a week. One can not belong to any institution or organization in the world except the church and do absolutely nothing.

Church membership would be more appreciated if there were reasonable minimum requirements to maintain one's membership. Our fathers erred in being too severe in the matter of church discipline. We of our generation have made the opposite mistake.

Of course, there are invalids, shut-ins, who can not attend services. We can easily know who they are and make due allowances for them.

One of the necessary steps to a real revival is for our churches to require a worthy minimum of its membership in the matter of church attendance, etc.

### THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

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Ushers calling for help in carrying the offering.

Ministers insisting that the people attend only one service each Sunday in order to make room for others.

A dozen people asking the minister for some really definite work to do during the week.

A dozen families asking the usher to place them on the front seats.

Everyone in the audience reaching for a hymn book when the number is announced and then singing heartily.

Every head reverently bowed during prayer.

A choir that does not find a single thing to whisper about during the service.

No whispering or reading during services.

The "old-timers" graciously giving away to new comers, confident that the newcomers will be able to do much better work than they have done.

The middle of the pews filled first.

No one leaving the room during the service.

Each one speaking to the persons next to him at the close of the service and inviting them to come again.—Brookhaven Church Bulletin.

The response to our request for gifts to meet our obligation due August 1 has been so generous that we are able to pay the full amount of interest on first mortgage bonds and are able to cancel another \$1,000 bond. The confidence and the help and the prayers of Baptist Bible Institute friends give us great occasion for gratitude and thanksgiving.—W. W. Hamilton, President.

Luther Holcomb, evangelist, Nashville, Tenn., has just concluded an eight day series of services with the First Baptist Church in Suffolk, Va., where Dr. H. J. Goodwin is the pastor. This is one of the oldest churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. W. J. Work, former pastor's assistant at Brookhaven is musical director in this church. Mr. Holcomb is now with the First Baptist Church in LeGrange, Ga., where Dr. Willis Howard is the pastor.

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INDOCTRINATE OR DISINTEGRATE!  
H. H. Hargrove, Pastor  
Columbus Ave. Baptist Church,  
Waco, Texas

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Doctrine is the bone of the Christian body. As the bones hold the body together in the physical realm, in the spiritual the doctrine holds the body together. As the sinews of the physical body are swung to the bones and depend on their strength for their proper functioning, so the sinews of a denomination depend on doctrinal conviction among its people for urge and strength for action. A body without bones or with broken bones becomes a crumpled, helpless, useless mass. A denomination whose constituency is not devoted to its great, vital, distinctive doctrines will disintegrate into helplessness first and finally into uselessness. Men may support a denomination for a while because of its distinctive name and the traditions connected therewith. But for sustained support and loyalty there must be two things besides a name. First, such denomination must have, as its life and essence, doctrines worthy of support, the espousal of which is necessary to the welfare of man and the glory of God. Second, the constituency must be so informed regarding these doctrines and their importance as to have instilled in them a passionate desire to see those doctrines become supreme in the world. Applying this principle to our own denomination, Baptists must keep their doctrines Scripturally pure and must create in their people a passionate desire for the espousal and perpetuation of these doctrines. The former seems to have been quite well done among Baptists but there is evidence of much lack regarding the latter necessity. In this lack is a major Baptist weakness and a real threat to the future denomination.

What are some of the evidences of this lack of a doctrinal consciousness and stamina among Baptists? One evidence is the ease with which large numbers of Baptists are swept into other denominations and sects. It is no doubt true that every religious group is partly composed of former Baptists. Some of these go to churches of the major denominations because of convenience of home or social ties and in some instances because of the persistence of their doctrinal persuasion. Others are swept along by the hysteria of various groups of "Holy Rollers," "Full Gospellers," etc. Still others respond to the positive doctrinal appeal of such radical heretics as Christian Scientists, Mormons, Russellites, the "I Am Philosophy," etc. Does some one say that these were of no value as Baptists to begin with? Let him answer the question: "Would they not have been of much value had they been given such indoctrination in Baptist principles as to have a passion for their perpetuation?"

Another evidence of this lack is the outspoken disagreement with, and often opposition to, distinctive Baptist doctrines by some Baptist church members. A complete ignorance of Baptist principles is not uncommon among active members and officials of Baptist churches. Coupled with this is an easy-going non-chalance toward all doctrine. With many desire to learn is absent and effort to do so is out of the question.

A third evidence of this lack is the lethargy, and often opposition, toward support of our denominational institutions and missionary agencies. All of these are children of a passion for the perpetuation of Baptist principles. The mother passion seems to be dying and the children are certain to suffer.

Some conditions prevailing today make it immediately imperative that Baptists give definite thought to a more vigorous and aggressive indoctrination of their people. The challenges presented by these conditions are so self evident that little argument is necessary to show the need.

First is the basic and fundamental principle which always exists in any movement or organization that its strength and progress depend on a deep conviction within its constituency that its distinguishing tenets are such that they should be defended and propagated to promote the general good. No one will support that for the ex-

istence of which he sees no need and for the progress of which he has no passion. Doctrine is the bone of the Christian body which gives it distinctiveness. It is the unseen motive which generates loyalty and strength in the Christian army. Without it the body is a shapeless mass and the army a careless impotent mob. The world still staggers under the shock of the fall of France. Writers on the scene have told us why she fell: Frenchmen lost their passion for France. France's millions lived easily on the line of least resistance. The principles of France and her government did not grip their souls. One writer said that she was not defeated in 43 days by the Germans but had been defeating herself for the last six years. There was no united passion and, therefore, no united effort. She lost her passion for the things which made her France. She degenerated unto death and the invader simply plucked the rotten thing which was left. It can happen among Baptists. It will happen among Baptists if Baptists do not make their people passionately Baptist.

Passing from this basic principle we mention some current conditions which sound an ominous and unmistakable warning in this regard. We mention second then the fact of God's signal favor upon our evangelistic efforts. Glorious as have been our evangelistic victories we must not be blind to the need for the indoctrination of the people won. Many of these of adult age are from non-Baptist backgrounds. Some are from Pedobaptist atmosphere and some from a non-religious atmosphere. In either case they are more or less devoid of both understanding of and loyalty to Baptist principles. We cannot expect them to be a very constructive force for building Baptist causes if they are not indoctrinated. We need not be surprised if they become a destructive element if we do not make real Baptists of them.

The third condition which challenges our Baptist ramparts is the Union Movement which has been, and is now being, vigorously propagated. With it is a widespread and seemingly popular effort to break down denominational consciousness. Distinctiveness among churches is ridiculed. Broadmindedness is extolled. The narrow way of earnest Christian conviction is assailed. Our people have solid ground upon which to stand, but many do not know how to stand upon it nor whereof they stand. They are tempted to join the chorus and get in the popular swing. Every one of them needs to have his faith anchored to the solid rock of Scriptural principles.

A fourth condition is the preponderance of state education for our youth. There is one state school in Texas which has more Baptist students than are in all the Baptist schools of Texas. In the nature of the case the state schools cannot give our students Baptist training. There are often influences which attack our Christian and Baptist heritage. These young people will be among our leaders in a few years. They deserve to be anchored in their faith. We dare not fail them. To do so is to fail all that Baptists stand for.

We mention last the presence of the many sects among us who teach heretical doctrines and seek to proselyte our people. Christian Scientists, so-called, Russellites, Mormons, the I Am Philosophy, Unity, and similar false prophets are making their appeals to our people daily from house to house and on the streets, by literature, by radio, by phonograph, and by word of mouth. Their doctrines are as deadly as a dagger. They win many of our people and where they do not win them they often leave them so poisoned with heresy that they are no longer Baptists. Baptists must be given the armor and implements of indoctrination if they are to withstand in the evil day of the heretics' attack.

Baptists are a great people with a magnificent record of achievement! Their accomplishments for Christ at present comprise the marvel of the Christian world. They are explained by the fact that they have no message but the New Testament and no Potentate but Christ. Could the principles of Baptists have sway in the world every belching cannon would be silent and every de-

singing, war-mongering, diplomat would be out of a job. This poor world needs Baptists! But we need to remember that the world of the unborn tomorrow will need Baptists with their message and ministry. It will need Baptists as they are and not Baptists as the infiltration of heresy would make them. For Christ's sake, for the world's sake, for Baptists' sake we need to guard the ramparts of our doctrinal integrity.

We must indoctrinate or we will disintegrate!

The writer is not unmindful that Baptists have made, and are making, much effort along this line. Our denominational papers and our Baptist Training Union are intended to meet exactly the plea of this article. No doubt if we could get all our people to utilize the means being employed now for indoctrination our problem would be solved. But while our editors and Training Union leaders are nobly and heroically seeking to reach every Baptist we need to take a realistic view of the matter and observe that neither is reaching half our constituency. They reach probably one-third of the people and evidently the third of them which are most thoroughly indoctrinated already. Regarding the other two thirds we can not afford to adopt the attitude that it is provided for them and they can take it or leave it. They have already made their choice. They are leaving it!

The efforts being made should be both supported and supplemented. Our denominational papers and our Training Union should both receive the most diligent and vigorous support from every quarter. The gap they leave should be filled. Our pulpits should ring out with vigorous doctrinal preaching. Classes in doctrines should be taught. The splendid doctrinal tracts published by the Sunday School Board should be widely and carefully used. Church bulletins should sparkle with doctrinal instruction. Our Sunday school lessons should clearly set forth every doctrine of the Scripture. The lessons printed in our quarterlies should be more than dissertations on the topic. They should be expositions of the Scripture texts. However inspirational and erudite the discussion of a subject may be, what our people need is a "Thus saith the Scriptures." My observation is that this is what they want. The average teacher cannot give it to them unless it is clearly set forth in the lesson literature. At denominational meetings, in preachers retreats, and in summer encampments doctrines should be presented to the whole group. Why should not our next great campaign be one to indoctrinate for, "we must indoctrinate or we will disintegrate."

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**Mary Hardin-Baylor College**, the oldest college for women west of the Mississippi River, holds full institutional membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, in the American Association of Colleges, and in the National Association of Schools of Music, three groups that give prestige to any college.

**Siwell Baptist Church:** It was my privilege to be with Siwell Baptist Church near Clinton last week and to have the good fellowship with their dear pastor, Rev. Leroy Boland. There were 12 additions to the church, 8 being by baptism and we feel that the church will continue to grow with the good help the pastor and wife will give them. Any church will be blessed by having constructive leaders such as Brother and Mrs. Boland.

—E. D. Estes, State Evangelist.

**Rev. J. R. Kyzar writes from Nashville:** I am declining an invitation to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Anna, Illinois, and will remain here at Grandview—where, on Aug. 12th, we begin our fourteenth year of service. I am busy in revival meetings this summer and will get no vacation until fall—if at all. We had Dr. Leo Green of the Seminary faculty and Evangelist Joe Canzoneri, Jackson, Miss., for a mighty good meeting recently. They make a wonderful team. We never heard a youngster who could beat either of them. Blessings on you. Hope you are soon "as good as new." So sorry you had to be sick. Our work goes very well. Greetings to the Mississippi friends.

# EDITORIALS

## WHAT IT IS ALL FOR Ephesians 4:12-16

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This unity, this individuality, this diversity in the body of Christ: What is it all for? In the first eleven verses of this fourth chapter of Ephesians Paul has pleaded for the unity of the spirit, has shown us what it roots in, how it comports with individuality, finds expression in diverse forms and functions. Now he shows how it fruits in fulness and perfection of service and of character.

He says it is for the "perfecting of the saints." And then he elaborates and defines this "perfecting" more fully and specifically, using the words "building up," "unity of the faith," "full knowledge," "full grown," "fulness of Christ," "grown up in all things into him."

Look at them carefully. This "perfecting of the saints" is "unto the work of ministering." The saints are not like an ornamental vase to be shaped beautifully, decorated artistically and put in a conspicuous place to be looked at with pleasure. They are like a practical piece of machinery, put together with mathematical precision, operating perfectly to perform a definite task efficiently. Every part is fitted into every other part, and the whole is a work of art or mechanical genius.

The word translated "perfecting" comes from the same root as our word art. Did you ever tear your trousers, take them to a tailor and have them mended so that you could not find the place where the mending was done; so deftly, so artistically was the work done? That is the word used when the gospel writer tells us that the disciples were "mending their nets." It is the word used here and translated "perfecting" the saints. You will find it an interesting word to follow up—katartizein. You will find it in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, where Paul urges that this church threatened with schisms, "may be perfect ed together in the same mind."

So here in Ephesians he says the purpose of all the special gifts bestowed by Christ is that the saints may be made perfect for the work of ministering; that they may be 100 per cent efficient for the business of ministering to the needs of a lost world, and may contribute most to the building up of the body of Christ.

This perfecting further includes "coming to the unity of the faith." This does not, as we understand it, mean that we shall all believe alike, but that we shall all apprehend by faith the entire revelation of the truth given to us, and to take in all that the Lord commands us. We shall not be fractional Christians but accept all, the entire teaching and the whole program of Jesus.

Then that we come to the full knowledge (spignosis, not merely gnosis, for that they already have), the full knowledge of the Son of God. It is an ever increasing, ever growing, ever expanding knowledge of Jesus. Its beginning is small, but potential, but its possibilities are infinite. That was Paul's own and sole ambition, that I may know him, etc., Philippians 3:10.

Again he says "unto a full grown (perfect) man, the final attainment of perfect manhood. And he defines this or clarifies by adding, "Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. This was God's original and unchanged purpose for man, and His work in us and for us will not be finished until this is attained. Jesus is the perfect man, and we are going on until his likeness has been reproduced in us.

This idea Paul dwells upon at more length when he says, that we may be no longer children, etc. Children we are, but it is not the purpose of God that we remain children. Children are beautiful and attractive, but the chief interest and attraction in them is that we expect them to be grown people. There should be no arrested development. It would be a most pitiful thing to remain in moral and spiritual childhood, just as it is to remain physically and mentally in the child stage.

The evidence, at least one evidence, of spiritual

childhood is to be "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness after the wily manner of error." Most people are familiar with the spiritually immature and unstable mind that takes up with any clamorous, selfassured, advocate of some new fangled notion, or critic of those who adhere to the truth of God. And the louder they talk the longer some people will listen. The more abusive they become, the more the rabble is tickled. Paul says of the Corinthians that they are "yet carnal." And he also says, "Ye bear with the foolish gladly. Ye bear with a man if he bringeth you into bondage, if he devoureth you, if he taketh you captive (carried away with him), if he exalteth himself, if he smiteth you on the face." The rougher he is, the louder the rabble yells.

In contrast with this sophomoric extravagance of childish exuberance, Paul urges that we abide in the faith, "that we may grow up in all things into Him, who is the head, even Christ." For it is from Him that all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every contact supplies, makes the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love. Whenever each member of the body is kept in good condition the whole body prospers. Any member of a church can injure or possibly destroy the usefulness of the whole church.

## BR OFF YOUR BASE

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Children used to express their disapproval of something said by one of their group by saying, "You are off of your base." Machinists say about the same thing when they use the phrase "off center." It is about the same as saying that the center of gravity of an object is outside the base on which it stands, or to be more specific a perpendicular line running through the center of gravity of the object will reach the ground outside the base on which it stands. And that means that the said object will not continue to stand. That is the condition of those who contend for the world Council of Churches on the ground that it can speak authoritatively and effectively for all the churches in an emergency.

Here is the way a writer in the Religious Herald puts the argument:

"There is great probability that in the years just before us other dictators in Europe and in the East will join with Stalin of Russia in an effort to outlaw Christ and His holy faith from the earth. There may come a day in our own land in which effort will be made to hush the voice of the Christian minister and to proscribe limits to the freedom of religion. In that day the World Council of Churches will sound forth in thundering tones the effective protest of united Christendom. It will declare the purpose of the followers of Christ to suffer and to die rather than surrender their inalienable rights to worship God as they choose, to the state or to any other power on earth."

The trouble about this argument is that it absolutely abandons the fundamental principle by which the gospel has been propagated from the beginning, that it is done by spiritual weapons, by appeal to reason and conscience, and not by power (big numbers) but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah. The apostles had none of this compelling attention by numbers, but they turned the world upside down. The people who adopt other means are off their base.

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**Rev. Upton L. Higgins** who went from Mississippi to Hurtsboro, Ala., recently had his father-in-law, Rev. I. F. Metts of Jackson with him in a great revival at Salem church in Mason County. In the mornings Brother Metts preached on the "Power of The Holy Spirit," and the pastor says he never witnessed such a spiritual uplifting, revealing the presence of God and the awfulness of sin. Brother Metts was accompanied by several members of his family. During the meeting the church decided to put up a new building. A cash offering of \$600.00 and a good deal of the lumber were given.

## WHAT TO DO WHEN AFRAID

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It is not necessarily an indication of cowardice to be afraid. It may be a sign of good sense. The man who is not afraid (maybe he calls it uneasy) when the lightning is playing around his head and the thunder breaks in sharp cracks, well there is something wrong in the upper story. A sense of danger is one protection against harm, and may be the means of saving your life. Not to be afraid when danger is real and imminent is certainly no sign of intelligence.

David had his moments of fear and he acknowledged to it. He had good reason to be afraid. The Philistines, his life long enemies had him in their hands. They had long desired to get their hands on him, and now they had him in Gath. He was completely in their power. His life did not seem to be worth fifteen cents. He was scared within an inch of his life. There seemed no possible escape. You will read about it in the twenty-first chapter of First Samuel. He fled for fear of Gaul and found himself in the hands of Achish king of Gath. The people of Gath said, "This is our chance," and they meant to kill him.

What did he do? He did just what Peter did when he was about to drown; just what any sensible man ought to do; the most natural thing for a Christian to do. "Be merciful to me, O Lord, for man would swallow me up." And then he seemed to get a grip on himself. Read the fifty-sixth Psalm: "What time I am afraid, I will put my trust in thee." In God (I will praise his word), In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid.

There was a time in the past when he had committed his all to God; and now he will lay hold on him with renewed trust for immediate need: "I will trust in thee." Faith is at least in part a matter of will: "I will trust in thee." It is not always easy. There may be times when everything threatens destruction. The world is against you; the flesh fails you, and the devil assails you. But you rise above it all. "This I know that God is for me," said David in an hour like that.

It is good to have had an experience with God in the past which will carry you through the storms of the present. In another Psalm David said, O my God, my soul is cast down within me: "Therefore do I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar." Memories of past experiences of our own and of others come to our aid.

But the past will not suffice if we do not purpose in our souls and say with our lips, "I will trust in thee." "Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the help of my countenance and my God." "I will render thank offerings unto thee, for thou hast delivered my soul from death."

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**Van Winkle:** We enjoyed two good services Sunday with 9 additions. We were glad to have our pastor back with us after an absence of several weeks.—Reporter.

**In the world war of twenty-five years ago** men said that religion had failed. And others replied that it had not failed; it had never been tried. Now we are likely to jump at the conclusion from the trend of things in the present war that democracy has failed. And a similar reply can be made, that democracy has not failed; rather it has never been tried. In Great Britain the whole social system is not based on democracy. The government has some elements of democracy, but it is far from a democracy. All the talk about the Magna Charta being a charter of liberty is only a fractional truth. The barons made King John grant them certain rights, but these rights were granted to the barons, not to the people. And we talk about democracy in this country, when the ordinary rights of a citizen are in many sections withheld from half the people. And any effort to extend these rights to the other half would bring on a fight quicker than anything you could mention. No, with most of us democracy is still an ideal, unattained and undesired.

Thursday, August 8, 1940

## THE BAPTIST RECORD

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The whole Baltimore Convention was spoiled for a few brethren because the World Council invitation was courteously declined.

**August 3:** A week ago today the dearest, sweetest mother in all the world to me went home to be with the Lord. No son ever had a better mother. She was in her 86th year. I feel an inexpressible sense of loss. But we are comforted. Best wishes for you. W. S. Allen.

You will see President M. P. L. Berry's statement elsewhere about Hillman College. If you send your daughter to Hillman, you may be sure she will be in good company. It is probable that a larger proportion of the student body here are preachers' daughters than in any other school. And the pastors are advising other folks to follow their example.

With fair weather prevailing throughout the week except Friday night, our meeting at Clear Creek, Oxford, Route two, which began fourth Sunday in July, was a great success. The people enjoyed the preaching of Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett very much. The membership was much revived, and many came from the neighboring churches to worship with us. One addition by faith three by letter. Reporter.

**Rev. Grady Stringer** was ordained recently to the full work of the Gospel ministry at the Oral Baptist Church in Lamar County. The examining board consisted of the following: G. G. Mooney, chairman, B. L. Clearman, secretary, H. R. Rawles, R. L. Webb, W. E. Greene, H. L. Aultman. Rev. Greene preached the sermon, and the pastor, Rev. Mooney, delivered the charge.—B. L. Clearman.

Some years ago Dr. William Lyon Phelps, of Yale University, said: "I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women, but I believe that a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible. Everyone who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated; and no other learning or culture, no matter how extensive or elegant, can form a proper substitute."—Ex.

Don't be afraid that giving the people an opportunity to give to help British Baptist missions now will injure your own work. "Give and it shall be given you, good measure, heaped up, shaken down, running over." He that saveth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and that which withholdeth more than is mete, tendeth to poverty." Believest thou this?"

If we are any judge of common sense, Editor John Arch McMillan got his share when it was being handed around. This goes for pretty much all he writes, but we were provoked to say this by his editorial in "Charity and Children" of July 25, wherein he declares his disagreement with those who want all the American blood shed and battles fought on American soil. The Germans have shown their shrewdness in fighting their battles in somebody else's country.

God has sent a wonderful blessing in the form of a revival to the members of the Morrison Chapel Baptist Church. Their Pastor J. W. Sturdivant brought a series of soul stirring, heart-lifting, love-restoring messages. Mr. James Fairchild of Wesson was a great inspiration to all the young lives as he presented to them a life fully surrendering to the work of God. There were about 44 additions to the church. Most of them came professing Christ as Lord and Master of their lives.

Two of the best revivals that our churches have ever had just closed at New Zion and Crystal Springs Baptist churches in Walthall County. We had Bro. J. F. Measells of Amory, Miss. at Crystal Springs with 21 additions and Dr. F. K. Horton of Columbia at New Zion with 15 additions. These two men are two of the very best preachers that we have. We have never had more forceful preaching than that of these two men. It would be a blessing to any church to have either of these men of God in a series of such services.—Chas. L. McKay, Pastor.

THE COLLEGE STUDENT MIGRATION  
By Frank H. Leavell

College days are just ahead. Both parents and pastors anticipate with compassionate concern the going of these young people, the undergrowth of the nation, to the various college centers. For many it is the first break in the home circle. Care has been taken in the selection of the school. There are 149,000 of them—lads and lassies—potential and powerful, fascinating. One of the most serious concerns of a parent's mind is what spiritual turn will he take while away at school? Many a pastor pauses to wonder what conservation will there be of all his concern for things religious.

There is more hope than formerly. Southern Baptists have made wise provision in recent years for the spiritual development of their own college students. More than a million dollars have been put into a program for them. Their religious welfare is not left to chance. It is now directed. The Baptist Student Union operates on most campuses of the South. More than a hundred paid Baptist workers—sixty odd of whom give their full time to the student work—will be waiting to receive and induct them into spiritual activities for the undergirding of their faith and the sustained upbuilding of their deeper nature—the distinctly spiritual.

What can parents and pastors do about this, either fateful or fruitful migration? Will they hope wistfully and leave to chance, or will they act prudently and determine a destiny? They can do either. They can leave it to chance, or determine it by choice. What can they do? Three definite things!

First, call them together, in the church or in the home. Tell them of the work of the Baptist Student Union at college. Give them the name of the Baptist Student Secretary when and where there is one—and fortunate is the student who finds one, a spiritual guide, to meet him. Give them the name of the pastor of the local Baptist church. Tell them of the president of the Baptist school. Urge him, or her, to make friends with these Christian leaders. Tell them of any Baptist faculty members or student Christian leaders. Anticipate with them happiness in their Christian friendships. Hold a going away prayer meeting!

Second, write to the Student Secretary, the Pastor, or other Christians of the college community about the coming of those from your church or home. Pave the way for a welcome by Christian friends. First impressions are lasting. Your boy's room-mate is the most important person he will meet at college.

Third, with affectionate care and with wisest concern, advise and if necessary persuade, the parting student to take his church letter and on the first Sunday at the college center join the local church. College pastors advise it. Student secretaries urge it. Students testify to its helpfulness. Show them the folly of the "church tramp", and the "spiritual derelict." Show them the happiness of Christian comradeship and church fellowship. Until they join they will be aliens, strangers, visitors, or "receivers." None of these know loyalty.

Pray with them as they go, keep touch while they are away, and you will receive them back when they return.

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**Braxton:** Our meeting began at Braxton Sunday, July 21, Brother R. K. Corder of Philadelphia doing the preaching. Good interest and good attendance.—B. A. McCullough, Pastor.

**Richmond, Va. (F.M.B.)**—On July 28, Rev. and Mrs. R. Elton Johnson sailed for South America to resume their work in Pernambuco, Brazil. On the same vessel went Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, new appointee to educational work in Chile. While awaiting a permit to enter that country, Miss Ogburn will remain in Buenos Aires studying the language. With these missionaries went Mr. and Mrs. Honorio Espinoza of Chile, returning to their homeland after a year in Louisville, where Mr. Espinoza has been a student in the Southern Baptist Seminary.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profit may appear to ALL.") Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

## SARDIS COPIAH COUNTY

We had the privilege of assisting Pastor O. C. Chance and the Sardis saints in their annual revival meeting. The people came in large numbers and showered every courtesy upon the visiting preacher. There were 11 additions.

Recently three Sunday School rooms have been provided in the back of the large auditorium. Bro. E. H. Beall is the superintendent of the Sunday School. The people were greatly disappointed because their pastor has resigned effective August 15. He has been called to Crowder which necessitates giving up his Copiah County work.

Copiah County Record readers are listed as follows: Spring Hill 11; Crystal Springs 268; Rt. D. Crystal Springs 2; Hazlehurst 82; Antioch 19; Wesson 8; Rt. Wesson 4; Gallman 1; Sardis; Strong Hope 19; Macedonia 7; Zion Hill 6; Georgetown 40; Rockport 5; Pleasant Hill 1; Shady Grove 1; Verna 1.

## IT ALWAYS DOES

"I think the Baptist Record going into every home has been a great blessing to our people."

J. E. Sweeney, Kosciusko.

(Kosciusko has the E. F. plan and gets 203 copies weekly. A. L. G.)

## D. I. IS YOUNG

Rev. D. I. Young pastor at Holly Bluff, Anding and Eden is another pastor who has the E. F. Plan on all his field.

Writing of the E. F. Plan, Pastor Young says

"The E. F. Plan has been especially fine for January and February. The roads, flu and cold weather kept many from church. But the Record in all the homes kept them in contact with the work and with our denominational program."

Yazoo county has Record subscribers listed as follows Anding 16; Concord 24; Bethlehem 17; Bentonia 50; Rt. Bentonia 5; Hebron 34; Eden 19; Holly Bluff 27; Yazoo City 19; Black Jack 51; Short Creek 50; Providence 39.

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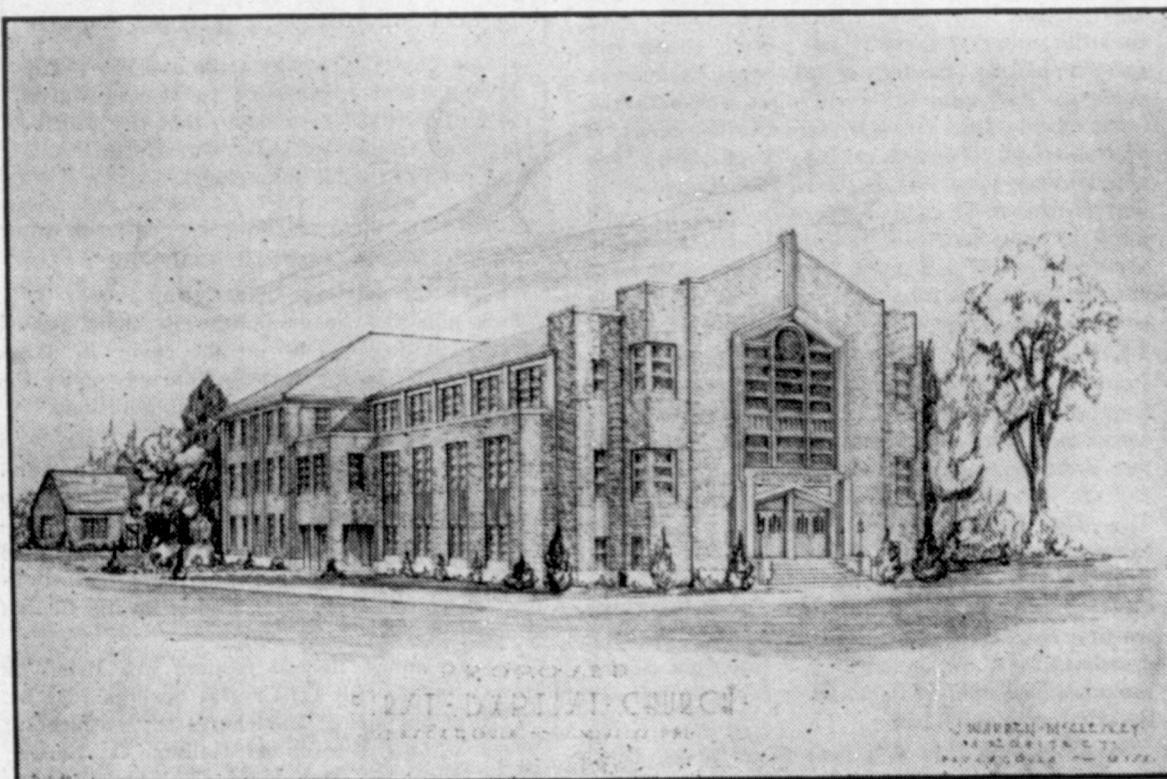
Rev. Allen S. Cutts goes from Pensacola, Fla., to the pastorate at Liberty, Mo.

The board of trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University has given President John W. Raley leave of absence to serve with the military forces of the United States during the present national emergency. Dr. Raley has accepted an assignment as chaplain in the Forty-fifth Division of the National Guard for two and a half years. This is one of the four divisions called out by President Roosevelt. He believes that his duty is with the thousands of young men now in training. The trustees have put many of the duties formerly in the hands of the president, temporarily on the dean and the business manager, and a special committee consisting of the president of the board and the mission secretary of the state.

**Richmond, Virginia (F.M.B.)**—We should remind ourselves that in the early days of our Baptist work in South China, English businessmen in Hong Kong made generous contributions toward the erection of a church, a school and a dormitory—three in one. It was in that building that Southern Baptists' pioneer, J. Lewis Shuck carried on his work. Those same Englishmen, by their continued support of our work, enabled the missionaries to lay the foundations for all evangelical institutions in China today. Such was the English spirit one hundred years ago; and such is it today.

## Proposed Pascagoula Baptist Church

REV. C. M. DAY. Pastor



—Cut Courtesy Chronicle-Star, Pascagoula.

## PASCAGOULA BAPTISTS ADOPT PLANS FOR ADDITION FOR CHURCH BUILDING

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Plans were submitted Sunday and adopted for completion of church. The new addition will conform with the original part of the church in architecture and construction. It will be three stories high. The first, or ground, floor will contain the Adult Sunday School class rooms, and will be built so that it can be used as an assembly room to seat 250 persons.

The second, or main floor, will be used for the regular church services and will seat 500 persons and will have a balcony to accommodate about 200 people. In all, the new addition will take care of about 1,000 persons. When completed, the new addition will make the church the largest in the city of Pascagoula and one of the largest on the entire Gulf Coast.

Included in the new addition also will be nine class rooms, a baptistry, choir loft and organ chamber for the pipe organ, which the church hopes to secure in the near future.

The entire congregation of the church was called upon Sunday to officially act upon the proposed addition. It was unanimously approved by those attending.

Today the First Baptist Church has a full graded Sunday school department composed of 36 classes, which have an enrollment of 600, with an average attendance of 300. There are two standard departments, Primary and Beginners.

It also has a full graded B. T. U. with an enrollment which has doubled in the past year and now reaches about 200.

There is an active Brotherhood organization which meets monthly at the church. This department has a membership of 75.

The Woman's Missionary Society is a very active organization within the church. It is composed of eight circles and has a native membership of 115. The Missionary Society also sponsors the Young Women's Auxiliary; Girls' Auxiliary; Royal Ambassadors and the Sunbeam Band.

The First Baptist Church has one of the largest memberships of any church in Pascagoula. With its highly active membership, it has taken a place of prominence in the life of the city.

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**Florence: Revival services began at Florence, Sunday, July 28. Rev. Ray M. Dykes is doing the preaching. Great interest is being manifested, one fine young lady having accepted Christ at the first evening service.—Mrs. Emma Laird.**

## OPEN LETTER TO BIBLICAL RECORDER EDITOR

By Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby, N. C.

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My dear Mr. Slemp:

I have read and reread your editorial of July the 3rd on "What the Baltimore Convention Revealed," and I find myself in wide disagreement. You, in fact, have made some statements and implications which you may find to be both divisive and hard to prove.

## First

For instance you say "that fully ninety per cent of those who voted against accepting membership in that body (World Council of Churches) did not know what the World Council is."

The Southern Baptist Convention is made up of the most intelligent and progressive of our people, a large percentage being active pastors. You have, therefore, (I hope unconsciously) proclaimed your own intellectual greatest in such fashion as to make your preacher brethren feel like resigning and giving up to a greater one.

## Second

You, too, say that "those who were in charge of the program evidently did not care to have the Convention informed about the World Council and what it proposes to do."

Some of our best men—men of culture and consecration and wide experience prayed and thought through the proposition of accepting membership in the World Council, among them the retiring president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. George W. Truett. They are men "who have been over the road and hence know the way." Their long and varied experiences together with wide travel have given them a wisdom which cannot be acquired in any other way. They gave us the best of brain and heart, and properly featured their findings before the Convention.

## Third

The third statement which I fear you cannot prove is the "unwillingness (of Southern Baptists) to cooperate with other religious bodies."

Our Baptist people locally, in North Carolina and throughout the South have equalled, and in many instances gone beyond other denominations in the matter of cooperation; and we'll continue so to do. But our people have never received orders from any pope, bishop or hierarchy and never will.

Suppose you try the logic of your "Democracy can easily find its own way of expression if only we give it a chance to operate" in running the Biblical Recorder and print every article every person sends to you on any and all subjects and see where you find yourself. Who gives you power or authority to reject any article from any Baptist? Yet you do it all along. Why should you not grant Dr. Truett and his committee the same privilege when they deem it unwise to join the World Council of Churches?

And I sincerely hope that you will not try to divide our people by the World Council question, and that you will not say that we are ninety per cent ignorant just because we, as a democratic body, have chosen to stay out of it.

Sincerely,

Zeno Wall

First Baptist Church,  
Shelby, N. C.

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**Dr. B. B. Hilburn, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc, is this week observing his fifth anniversary as pastor of the church. A special service has been planned for Sunday morning at which time the pastor will use as his text, "And the Lord Said, Go Forward." Dr. Hilburn came to Pontotoc from First Church, Columbia, Ky., and during these years the Pontotoc Church has fast forged ahead. Total gifts coming into the church have reached \$25,500 with approximately \$7,000 going for missions and benevolence. There have been approximately 300 additions to the church.—Hershell George.**

fearful way reaping the harvest which is the consequence of the decline of religion in the home-life of the families whose children are in our Bible schools.—Norman W. Cox.

Thursday, August 8, 1940

## THE BAPTIST RECORD

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW  
By G. C. Hodge

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Every Christian Should Know That God's Army  
Is Unlike Any Other.

He should know that God's army is the largest, the most unique and the most powerful army in the world today. Its soldiers number into the millions, and encircle the globe.

Other armies are made up in the main of men 18 to 45 years of age. God's army is composed of people of all ages and sexes. Other armies have in them both volunteers and conscripts. God's army is made up of volunteers only.

The object of God's army is the highest and noblest that ever enlisted the sympathy and co-operation of men. The object of other armies is to subdue, to conquer, to enslave, to kill men. The object of God's army is to liberate men, to set them free and to save them.

The soldiers in other armies are equipped with material uniforms and physical instruments for the destruction of their opponents. The soldiers of God's army are equipped with the invisible, spiritual armour of God, and they are victorious only when they go forth having their feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, their loins girded about with truth, having the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

The battlefield where the soldiers in the army of God meet and fight the enemy is unlike any other. The enemy endeavors to invade the hearts and lives of the soldiers themselves, and he always attacks at the weakest point. If ill-temper is the weakest point in one's life, the enemy endeavors to arouse it and to lead him to say and do things that are hurtful and wrong and thus destroy his influence and usefulness. If his tongue is unbridled, the enemy attacks from that angle and endeavors to lead him to gossip, to back-bite, to tattle, to whisper, to betray confidence and thus cause confusion, suspicion, doubt, distrust, division and factions in the army of God. If appetite or passion is the weak point in one's life the enemy attacks from that angle.

The home also is the battleground where the enemy must be met and defeated. He seeks to enter every home, and he has a thousand ways of entering them. When he enters homes he endeavors to lead those in them to neglect prayer, meditation, Bible reading and other Christian duties, and if he succeeds in this he more easily destroys the peace, happiness and influence of the homes, which is his purpose for entering them.

The battleground extends to the community, for every place that operates illegally, or is of questionable character, is a stronghold of the enemy of God. The battlefield stretches beyond the community to the ends of the earth, for where ever there is a man who has not given his heart to God, there Satan is entrenched and there he should be attacked. The soldiers of God are to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

The Captain of God's army is different from any other. He is God's own Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World, and he has commanded every one to "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," (2 Tim. 2:3).

Every Christian should examine his heart in the light of his Captain's command, and know what hardness he has endured as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He has attended church services once or twice on Sunday, but is that hard to endure? He has attended mid-week prayer meeting, but is that hard to endure? He has contributed to the support of his church, but is that hard to endure? He has invited people to the services and has tried to win souls to Christ, but is that hard to endure? He should know what hardness, if any, he has endured as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

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Van Winkle is beginning a school of music July 31st with Brother Bob Crawford, graduate student from Baptist Bible Institute conducting.

## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship \* Serve \* Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

## I

The first month of Mississippi Ministers Retirement operation has passed. We have over 120 pastors and over 200 churches. We hope many more pastors and churches will come in soon.

Two things to remember: First, September 1st, is the deadline of entering without penalty. Second, dues of both pastors and churches are payable the first ten days of the month, in advance. Thanks for pastors' and treasurers' co-operation.

## II

We do not believe, as some say, that Christ's people are sharply critical. For the most part we find them manly, womanly, sympathetic, helpful, loving in spirit.

We can be no less as christians for God's Word says, Rom. 2:1: "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." Matt. 7:3. "And why beholdest thou the MOTE that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the BEAM that is in thine own eye?"

Dr. W. T. Lowrey, one of our ideals from the first days of our ministry, gave a helpful story.

A man kept finding fault with the preaching of Dr. Mullins during a revival. It is easy to find fault with even a good sermon! How hard it is to preach a good one! Finally, Dr. Lowrey said, "Brother, one should have as much sense as a cow. The cow eats the good grass but pushes aside the thorns."

That story has helped us no little through the years. "Love suffereth long and is kind."

## III

## August Calendar:

1. Summer revivals.
2. W. M. U. Auxiliary Camps.
3. Vacation Bible Schools.
4. B. T. U. Study Course (Mission Book).
5. Mississippi Baptist Five Thousand Club.
6. Cooperative Program.

## IV

Last November the Convention voted "that since a total of \$202,692.45 was received for all work this year, that the total goal for the ensuing year be fixed at \$225,000."

If receipts for August, September and October hold up we will easily go beyond that set goal.

We gain over \$8,000 in July. Of this amount we gained over \$3,000 in cooperative program receipts. Doxology!

Thanks to thousands of fine Mississippi Baptists who write history as follows:

Budget Designated 5000 Club Totals
July 1939 6,561.87 4,395.32 1,175.77 12,132.96
July 1940 10,350.18 8,138.97 2,442.86 20,932.01

Gain .... 3,788.31 3,743.65 1,267.09 8,799.05
This is the largest July record for some years.

## V

Many churches are robbed of larger usefulness and greater happiness by selfishness causing one department to work against another department.

We have known Sunday School leaders to pull against the Training Union and vice versa.

Occasionally deacons try to thwart the pastor and vice versa.

Surely our Christ is great enough to solve such problems. Surely our experience in Him should be vital enough to keep us right at that point.

In denominational life the same spirit of self-

centeredness sometimes exists. Then we wonder why spirituality does not flourish. Let us pray!

## VI

The cities constituted the "Jerusalem" for local churches in Palestine. The tribal territories might be said to conform to our association divisions. Judea, Samaria and Galilee somewhat parallel our state divisions when taken singly, or, all together our Southwide area. The regions beyond then were synonymous with "Unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

If that is true then Matt. 4:12-25 describes a great "State Mission campaign" for Jesus.

Jesus kept his eyes and ears open, v. 12. He lived in the midst of busy, pulsating humanity. "Go to the people" might easily be a motto to his works and words. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear," was an oft repeated admonition. "Having eyes they see not," was a lamented epitaph. Are our own eyes and ears open to our Mississippi needs?

Jesus visited city after city, v. 13. He also visited home after home and person after person. "He went about doing good" is written of Him. It is easy to go about! He did "good" as He went.

Jesus so related Himself to the Word He made for the fulfilling of that Word, v. 14. Is it too much to say, we may be so related to that Word as to make for its fulfillment?

Jesus brought light and life to the people, vs. 15-16. He said of His followers "Ye are the light of the world." We may bring the message of light and life to the people. He was helpful, never hurtful—an example for us.

Jesus preached "Repent," v. 17. Repentance is a change of attitude toward sin and God; it is godly sorrow; it is seeing sin as God sees sin, and, it is a permanent attitude. We may follow His example in state mission emphasis and message.

Jesus preached "the kingdom of Heaven is at hand," v. 17. A kingdom is the sphere over which and in which a king rules. The Kingdom of Heaven is that sphere over which and in which the King of Heaven rules. More State Mission message.

Jesus selects helpers, vs. 18-19. "I will make you—" How long did Jesus take for training these helpers? He gave most of the three years of His ministry in the flesh, not to organizing churches, but to training these men. What dull followerers of a great teacher! Near the end He said to them "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot hear them now." John 16. One of the most difficult tasks of the church is at this point—selecting workers. We might try Matt. 9:36-38, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Jesus called busy men into His work—men at work. "Loafers need not apply."

Jesus called men of dispatch into His service. v. 20. Some things need to be done NOW! II Cor. 6:2.

"Preach the Gospel, preacher, preach the gospel!" Well, the gospel of Matt. 4:21 says these men Jesus called during this State Mission campaign were "mending their nets." What does that have to do with the Gospel? Maybe, nothing. Yet, it is in the Gospel of Matthew. It shows the king of men Jesus called, the kind He wanted. They believed in stopping the holes in the nets. He wants some to stop holes in some worship services, in Sunday school classes, in Training services today. That is good State Missions!

Jesus called men to put His work before business and before family, v. 22. They followed Him!

The divisions of the work of Jesus were "teaching," "preaching," and "healing," v. 23. We have all that in our state work—evangelists, pastors, buildings, young peoples workers, Sunday school workers, Training Union workers, and others working in the midst of over two million people in Mississippi.

Matt. 4:12-25 suggests enough to keep each and all of us busy the rest of the days of our lives.

# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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The article by Mrs. Bell is number III. I urge you to use it in preparation for your State Mission Offering.

### "State Missions" We Can't Love Without Giving

Recently, during a visit to Havana, Cuba, some friends and I left our hotel to go shopping. We got directions, but soon we needed some help and tried in vain to get it from policemen who could understand our English no better than we could understand their Spanish. We counseled together and decided it would be much better to go back and get one of the missionaries to go with us. We went and got her. How easy it was when we had a guide who could lead us safely on our journey!

How many people in our beloved state of Mississippi are stumbling along without the Guide to carry them safely through the journey of life! Many at our very doors cannot reach the desired destination because they do not know that Jesus wants to go with them. You and I do know. Then it is our responsibility to tell it to them and show them our Saviour.

Some time ago I was struck by this idea, "We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving." Jesus loved so much he was willing to give up his throne in glory to come to earth, to suffer and die on the cross, in order that he might guide us to everlasting life.

Women everywhere should love Jesus, for he has done so much for us. Then we should obey the last words spoken by Jesus when here on earth, "Go ye." Where did he begin? In Judea, then Samaria, and then the uttermost parts of the world. We do thank the Lord for our Lottie Moon Offering of \$16,400 and for our Annie Armstrong Offering of \$11,424. Our goal for our state mission work is only \$10,000. It seems to me from these figures that we have turned the command of Jesus around and are beginning in the uttermost part of the world, then Samaria, then Judea. Distance lends enchantment. Can't we love the souls at our very doors as much as we love those far away? God expects us to love all of them. We are able to do as much for those close by as we have done and will continue to do for our missions around the world. God, put it into the hearts of our women to love enough to want to give!

Jesus not only wants to guide us, but He also wants to guide other people" who are without the fold. In Mississippi there are many of those "other people" who need Jesus, and unless you and I love Jesus enough to obey his command, and love them enough to want to see them saved, and will then do something about it, they will be lost forevermore. In some sections of our state there are large groups of people who are seeking after light and are blindly turning to ways that are not true. Maybe you and I can't go to those people but we can give so that others might go.

Too often, these people are not financially able to support a worker. I know a fine Christian girl who makes \$50 a month and her board. She faithfully brings her tithe into God's storehouse, the church. Her father, an aged minister, but still in good health, needed a car to minister to his country churches. This daughter for a whole year paid \$30 a month for a car for him to use. He did not get enough to pay his expenses and the old car is gone. Who will meet the needs of these people? All over our Mississippi delta as well as the rest of the state, there are large groups who need missionaries,

but because we do not send them, others are going and winning them.

First, I think, we as women of the Woman's Missionary Union will want to give liberally because we love Jesus, then because we love the souls of those around us. Again, I think we will want to give because we love the one for whom our Margaret Lackey Offering for missions in our state is named. We love her for what she has done, and for what she has meant to our W. M. U. life and work. Even at 82 she is still rendering a great service to the Baptists of Mississippi as hostess at the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. My husband lovingly calls her the "shock-absorber." Truly she is just that as she sits at her accustomed place always with a smile and a word of cheer and encouragement to all who come her way.

"Come, Women, wide proclaim Life through your Saviour slain" to all within our state because we love Him, because we love people, and because we love Miss Margaret Lackey.

Mrs. W. A. Bell.

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Miss Alice Huey, Rt. 1, Box 545, Bess., Ala., July 27, 1940.

The Baptist Young People of the South.

Dear Girls:

Several of your leaders have asked me to write for August 19th meeting on the subject of "House Beautiful." I take this way of writing to all at once.

It is a far cry from our "House Beautiful" to the present one soon to be replaced by one more beautiful still. We four,—The Big Four," as one so graciously named us — spent one happy month in Louisville in one large room. This room served as living room, bedroom, study, kitchen and dining room. We were happy as the days were long.

The Baptist women of South had wanted to start a Training School. When the women of Louisville heard of our adventure they were stirred to action. We were moved to a residence and Mother Wiegand made it like home.

In course of time we went out to other lands without ever having seen "House Beautiful." But we heard about it. As the years came and went others came out bringing the Training School spirit. A few girls from those far-away lands have studied there. Now we have our own Training Schools. The same spirit that brooded over the Louisville school in its beginning is now forming these sister schools.

The girls of China where I have worked since 1907 send greetings to you. They are pretty and sweet just like you. They have bobbed hair—some even have permanent waves. I do not like the waves for them because curly hair is not natural in the Orient. When the women of China came out of heathenism they left behind cosmetics of all kinds—some of which like white lead were very poisonous. Even the stain from the crushed petals of "Touch-me-nots", used for nail polish from time immemorial was discarded—glutinous hair oils were discarded also. They wanted their daughters to grow up naturally as God made them.

One day out walking with Christian school girls we saw several non-Christian girls. Our girls turned to look at the others and I asked, "Wherein do they differ from you?" One said, "Their hair is different." Another said, "Their feet are different"—and then one serious-minded girl said, "Their faces are different." The Christian girls had "looked unto Him and were radiant."

## A Letter From Miss Minnie Landrum By Minnie Landrum

Caixa 2655, Rio de Janeiro,  
Brasil, July 3, 1940.

Dear Friends in the Homeland:

Five months have passed since my February circular and I had planned not to wait so long before another, but I shall not try to list here the reasons for not writing sooner. I hasten to assure you that you have not been forgotten. Your letters are greatly enjoyed and appreciated and I thank the Heavenly Father for friends like you who bring sunshine and cheer into many hearts and homes with your expressions of love.

In April I had the pleasure of teaching the W. M. U. Manual of Methods to a large and appreciative group of men, women and children in one of Rio's newest Baptist churches. You knew, didn't you, that we now have forty Baptist churches in the Federal District? The church where I held the study course is called Ipanema and is in one of the sections of the city that touches on the Atlantic Ocean. I live in the section called Tijuca and is about fifteen miles from Ipanema. The class began at 8:00 P. M. and closed at 9:15 so I decided to spend the week in a boarding-house near the church. Three of the five days I came to the W. M. U. office and the other two were spent in Ipanema, and what glorious days they were! I relaxed, read, visited with the church families, walked and sat on the beach, listened and watched the turbulent waves as they rushed and bathed the sparkling sand on the shore. But the thing that I liked most of all was the blessed privilege of sitting down with Isaiah and Jeremiah and without interruptions read again their prophecies and precious promises. It took six hours to read the book of Isaiah and I saw anew the pictures of God as portrayed by the grand old prophet. I forgot all about the war, problems and perplexities of life. As the mighty billows rolled in, it seemed they were saying with Isaiah, "The nations shall rush like the rushing waters; but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and they shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind." As the noisy billows broke they left an unscrupulous calm and then one recalled Isa. 26:3. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed in thee." The Ipanema church was organized in December of last year with 58 members and now has 80. They meet in a very small and unattractive rented room. The benches do not have backs and there are not enough of them to seat half of the crowd that attends Sunday school and the preaching services. Many stand outside looking in through the door and windows. The need for well-trained leaders is as great as that for a building and equipment, but I don't think I have ever seen a more zealous and consecrated group of Christians. They love God and want to say "Thank You, Father" with lives of loving service. The church maintains 8 preaching points and the laymen are busy every evening of the week as well as Sunday afternoons sowing the precious seed. I shall never forget the sweet fellowship with the humble Christians of the Ipanema church.

(Continued next week)

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Within four weeks after the first 100,000 copies of the "Broadman Hymnal" came off the press, the Sunday School Board is getting out another 100,000 edition, so phenomenal has been the sale.

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Casilla 3388, Santiago, Chile  
July 10, 1940.

Dear Folks:

We can hardly believe that you are in the midst of summer, even though this is the month of July, because we have heat in the house all day. The mountains around us are covered with snow and are beautiful. When there is wind, it is cold and piercing, but the warm sun, when it shines, is delightful. The coldest months of the year are July and August. We have a great deal of rain here in Santiago in the winter, but there is little in summer.

Last week was, among other things, a 4th of July dinner in the homes of one of the missionaries. This week is the time for the annual meeting of the Chilean Mission. There are 15 missionaries who will attend. One, Miss Spence, is home on furlough. This year it meets here in Santiago. The purpose of the meeting is to plan the work in all of Chile for the new year.

Immediately after the Mission Meeting, The Chilean Pastors' Institute will meet in our new seminary building for about 10 days. The people here usually carry their blankets when they travel, so that will help to solve the cover problem at night.

Our progress with the language seems to be slow at times, for learning to speak another language is a tedious task. People tell us that we are doing fine. The preacher of the family expects to try his wings when the pastors are here. He plans to preach his first sermon in Spanish to them. We can understand pretty well, and are able to converse "by the hardest," but we feel so helpless when we attempt to explain anything without using English.

Last week was examination week in the seminary for the first semester. Our new building is all but complete now. How we thank God for the Lottie Moon Offering, the W. M. U., and the Cooperative Program, through which you make all this possible! It seems to me that our seminary is the one thing most needed in all our work here. Evangelism alone is insufficient. The Pentecostals have demonstrated that here. They win great masses, but for what? To go back to sin, the

world, and devil! Our hope for permanent results is in a trained ministry. How we need your prayers as we teach these pastors of tomorrow!

The physical needs of Chile are beyond comprehension in that good land. And it is good there in spite of its faults. One has only to live in another country for a time to really appreciate the U. S. A. But here are some statistics supplied by the Chilean government in a recent issue:

1. Less milk is used in Chile (per capita) than any civilized country of the world.

2. 96.8% of the money is spent for necessities of life.

3. More than 25% of all the children born are illegitimate.

4. 40 out of 1000 people die annually of TB (Against 4 to 1000 in U. S.)

This is a small picture of the physical needs. But it is impossible to find words to describe the spiritual and moral conditions that exist here. But God is working marvelous transformations in the lives of men and women. We rejoice to see what Christ can do for some lives, and sorrow to see what sin can do for others. But when we become discouraged, we remember Christ and His sacrifice, and that you are there praying for us and contributing your money to keep us and many others like us in this work in many lands.

The children are well, but they miss so much their S. S. and their playmates. They talk every day about "the folks back home", and at night pray for "the people back there." The fields are white and the problems are many. Pray for us as we, your representatives, try to serve the Lord here. May He bless you there who are "holding the ropes" for us.

We are looking forward to a reply from each of you. Letters from you mean so much to lonely hearts here! We hope you will write.

The L. D. Wood Family.

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Macedonia, Lincoln Co.

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Macedonia, Lincoln County, is one of the largest rural churches in the state, having a membership of seven hundred. The church house is a beautiful brick and concrete structure, worth \$20,000.00, and is free from debt. Rev. Peter Green is the energetic and beloved pastor, he has been serving the church for eleven years. The writer has scores of relatives in this community, his mother was converted there when she was a girl.

We were glad to be with the church in their revival. Great crowds came. Two sermons and dinner each day, and old fashioned prayer and testimonial meeting lasted for an hour each morning. In the last prayer service there were thirty who were over sixty years of age that witnessed for the Lord, many of these had been members of the church for over fifty years. Twenty-one were baptized, two received by letter. We go next week to Magee's Creek, Church, Walthall County — "Praise the Lord for His Goodness."

Montie A. Davis.

### "WHAT IS MAN?"

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In the July 25th issue of the Baptist Record, in an editorial under the above heading, the editor has declared his belief in the universal fatherhood of God.

I know he does not believe what he said. It must have been, a slip of the pen, or else, he left out a paragraph which might have explained what he meant.

At any rate, he needs to do some explaining, to make his position clear. It's true that the original man (Adam) was made as the editor so described, and defined; but when he listened to his wife and rebelled against God that essential nature was lost to him, and to the whole human race, his descendants.

And now, all men are not the sons of God by nature, but are, in their natural state, the children of wrath, with a nature which is enmity against God.

The Lord told some of the Jews that God was not their father, but, says He: "ye are of your father the devil."

We find in the first chapter of John that in order to become, "the sons of God," "ye must be born again. (Jno. 1:12-13). And in Gal. 3:26; we read, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

It is true that the Lord Jesus restored to man, that which Adam lost: but only twice born, believers in Christ are the sons of God.

J. E. Heath.

### RR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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In your issue of July 25 appears an article signed by one Raymond Pate. He says, "In the last issue of the Record I read an article that I was very sorry to see in our paper, as I believe that such an article is detrimental to the paper, to the cause for which it stands, and to our denomination."

It is the opinion of this humble scribe that the article by brother Pate is **much more** detrimental than that by the editor, in fact we heartily endorse the article by the editor.

Brother Pate says further, "I have believed for some time that I had about as much religion as any one, and I know that I'm as patriotic as any American citizen," I think his article would justify any one in doubting the genuineness of either, as he is at variance with the tenets of the Baptist Church and the Constitution of our nation, and I think when he wants such men as he is writing about as deacons of his church he is at variance with God's Word.

I judge from brother Pate's article

he is a Baptist preacher, but who can imagine a preacher getting pleasure out of taking a club and parting someone's hair with it just because they differed with him. Bro. Pate says further, "If you expressed your thoughts of the matter I think you should be careful what you think, and if you have such thoughts just leave them unexpressed."

We think the above excellent advice for brother Pate to appropriate to his own use.

Yours for truth and right,

J. L. Owens,  
Conehatta, Rt. 1.

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### B. Y. P. U. STUDY COURSE AT NEW HOPE CHURCH

Rev D. L. Stennis, Pastor

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New Hope Church in Lauderdale County has just completed three study courses with 27 enrolled using "Planning A Life," Senior Manual, and Training in Christian Service."

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## Sunday School Lesson

By L. B. Campbell

Lesson for August 11

### THE WORKS AND WORD OF GOD Psalm 19

**Introduction.** Probably written while David was a young man, this Psalm can not be positively identified with any particular location or set of circumstances. The subject of this Psalm is a two-fold revelation of God contained in the works of God, "The heavens," and "the firmament," or the earth, and the Word of God, by which is meant the word which He has caused to be written, the Bible. To put the matter in other words, the Psalm speaks of (1) His glory as seen in the heavens, and (2) His glory as manifested in the law.

#### I. Witness of the Material Universe. Vv. 1-6.

Was it Kant the philosopher who said, "There are two things of perennial wonder, the starry sky and the moral law"? David had studied these two books: the starry sky on many a night while keeping watch and ward over his sleeping flock; the moral law during many a day when for hours he had opportunity to meditate upon the wonder of the moral order which God had instituted.

The heavens specifically declare God's wisdom, power, glory, and goodness. They witness incessantly, in one or another form of testimony. Either the heavenly witness is wafting the earth or the aspect of it is fair. Either it is witnessing in the daylight or in the shadows of the night, with all the glories of the sun or all the beauty of moon and stars. All the firmament of countless star-strewn spaces, or the wide-reaching horizons of our own earth. Again, the witness is inaudible, that is, the witness breathed forth and poured out is inarticulate, not of any speech, but of a natural language alike intelligible to men of every race and tongue. Once again, the witness is universal, that is to repeat that all man may receive this witness, hear this testimony from God's traveling preachers: the sun, the moon, the stars; apostles upon their journey, confirming those who regard the Lord, judges on their circuits, condemning those who worship idols. Finally, the witness is glorious. The sun is as a bridegroom, full of joy, a runner, full of strength.

#### II. Witness of the Written Word. Ps. 19:7-11.

There are here six titles: the law, the testimony, the statutes, the commandment, the fear, and the judgments of the Lord. Law tells of divine instruction. Testimony tells of the divine witness as to what God is, and what we should be. Statute tells of divine direction designed to secure obedience, or check disobedience. Commandment tells of divine decrees, authoritative and imperious. Fear tells of the settled habit of the soul which is informed by Law.

Judgment tells of the judicial decisions and sentences of Jehovah. There are six attributes: Perfect, without flaw; Sure, reliable, worthy of being absolutely followed; Right, presenting the straight road to man's true goal; Pure, bright like the sun, clear; Clean, with no foul spot, standing against corruption; True, never false, ever faithful. There are six effects: Restores the soul, refreshing the inner life; Makes Wise the simple, giving practical guidance to the inexperienced; Rejoices the heart, bringing delight and pleasure to those who obey it; Enlightens the eyes, illuminating the dark, and renewing the faint; Endures forever, the word is eternal; Vindicated altogether, the mutual parts explain and defend one another.

#### III. Prayer of One to Whom these Witnesses Have Spoken.

Ps. 19:12-24.

Why comment on this passage? Read it again and again. You and I need to pray this prayer every day. Let us pray it.

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MRS. E. L. MIZELL

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On Wednesday, July 24th, God called from earthly labors to heavenly rest the soul of Mrs. E. L. Mizell, wife of E. L. Mizell and mother of Elsie, Murray, Edward, and Calvin Mizell.

This godly woman was born in Richton, Miss., in 1898 and moved to Natchez 14 years ago. She was not only a faithful and loving wife, but a mother whose life was so full of the love of God and belief in Christ's atoning blood, that she won each of her children to Him. These were all members of West Side Baptist Church. Mrs. Mizell was a charter member of this church, and when her health permitted was an earnest worker in W. M. U. circles. In the trials of life and responsibility of properly caring for her children she learned to go down into the valley of humiliation, be humble, and search her heart in order to find the right method with which to point her loved ones in the direction of peace, joy, love and power, and in so doing resolved in her heart to say "Lord, here I am, I am only worth what you make me." In this spirit she was able to enjoy and hold the confidence of her own family, as well as those who she contacted in life. There was a profusion of flowers attesting these virtues.

A large concourse of friends gathered at the family home, and at West Side Baptist Church on Thursday morning where the last sad rites were held, and as her remains were borne to the City Cemetery, while many eyes were wet, all in grief, yet all in joy due to the knowledge this good Christian character, one who had maintained family altar in her home daily, was not dead, but only gone to rest, and that on the last day when the trumpet shall sound, that these loved ones will greet her in that land of eternal happiness.

Rev. Jim A. Smith, pastor of West Side Baptist Church, assisted by Bufkin Oliver, a Methodist ministerial student, conducted the services at the church and the grave.

### SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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An important meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Society will be held at Ridgecrest on the afternoon of August 29th. The Society is undertaking to arouse the history consciousness of Southern Baptists; to stimulate the preservation of the materials of Baptist history; to encourage the writing of the history of churches, associations, conventions and of individuals whose life and work are significant for our American Baptist life and calling.

Membership in the Society is on the basis of the annual fee of one dollar; and life membership on the payment of twenty-five dollars. All with membership fees paid up at the time of this meeting will be expected to share in the deliberations and in the decisions reached at the meeting. Officers will be elected, reports will be heard, plans will be projected for the coming year.

In view of the centenary celebration of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1945 it is highly important that all Southern Baptists quicken their enthusiasm concerning their history, in order that we may enter upon a new century with high hopes, with intelligent outlook and purposes, with a deep sense of our high calling of God for the work of his gospel.

W. O. Carver

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### TRAMMELL STRESSES NATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS HOURS

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The Sturgis Baptist Church has recently closed its revival. The former pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, did the preaching. Large crowds came and the Lord blessed in a great way. There were fifteen members received by the church, ten on profession of faith and five by letter.

The Sturgis church has already set its meeting for fourth Sunday in July 1941, with Rev. Otis Perry to do the preaching.

A. H. Childress.

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### PIONEER CHURCH

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Pioneer church is one of the three white Baptist churches in Wilkinson County. Located deep in Southwest Mississippi, yet in a most strategic position to witness for Christ.

One of the greatest revivals in the history of the church was held recently under the direction of the pastor with Dr. W. L. Holcomb of Prentiss as evangelist. A revival was experienced, great sermons were preached, God's people were moved to work and pray as never before and lost people came to Christ seeking refuge from the wrath to come.

There were 26 professions of faith and four additions by letter among which were several elderly men and a host of young people. One man 75 years old was baptized.

God still lives and Christ still saves in spite of Satan's sleepless, persistent, malicious activity.

T. J. Delaughter, Pastor.

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### OKOLONA

A series of revival services were held in the Okolona Baptist church for ten days (July 10-21) with the motto "Above All — Christ" emphasized.

Services were led by the following young religious workers:

Carmon Sharp led the singing at all services and met with the junior choir. Mr. Sharp is a student from Mississippi College.

Bill Drummond of Memphis, also a student at Mississippi College, preached each morning at ten o'clock and led the adult prayer groups.

Miss Polly Love of Hattiesburg, a graduate of Woman's College, conducted the morning watch services at 6:30 and assisted in the adult prayer group.

Miss Elizabeth Williams of Utica, graduate of Blue Mountain College, conducted the conference and discussion groups each evening.

Evening services were conducted by the Rev. Wayne Todd of Hattiesburg. These services proved most helpful, and a great blessing to our church.

—Mrs. Cliff Chandler.

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## Sunday School Department

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### Send the Report

We are very anxious that every Vacation Bible school held in the State this year shall be on our list. The only way this can be is for some one to send us a report of the school. Usually the principal does this, but occasionally it is overlooked.

Don't take any chances of this being overlooked in your case. Check on this to be sure, and if no report has been sent, do so at once. Regular blanks for this can be secured by writing the Sunday School Department. Or, you can make the report of the main items and send us. But, be sure and do this so that your school will be reported.

Let's make it 100% this year in reporting our Vacation schools.

### Must Be Soon

Since August is the last month for Vacation schools, and since this is August, if any church has not yet had one, and is planning on doing so this year, there is not much time left for doing this. However, there is ample time for having many, many schools through the remaining weeks of August yet, but it just means that we must get busy and make plans for them.

We still have on hand a few books that we shall be glad to lend to any church that wants to borrow them for a school. This will be without any cost for the books. Write us if you are interested.

### Revivals

We are still in the midst of the great revival season in most of the rural churches. This will continue through August. What a fine opportunity to really use the Sunday school for the purpose of winning people to Christ. This fine, ample organization can be used to find the people through a religious census; contact them personally through the teachers, officers, and older pupils; and then through prayer groups and personal work that can be used as follow-up work helpful in leading many of them to an acceptance of Christ.

The plea here is, Use the Sunday school for this very great task of winning people. The organization is already set up and going; let's see it for reaching people.

### That Study Course

If many of our churches have a Sunday school study course at all, it will be during the summer weeks. That time is drawing rapidly to a close, and yet many churches have not had a training class this year, and some of them never have had.

They need some help. If associational superintendents and other workers in the churches that can help will do so, they can go out to many of these churches and teach a study course for them. They will be glad to have help in this.

Help the church that needs it so

much in this matter just now. It will be a blessing to any one to teach a class. Information about these books will be gladly sent upon request. A teacher gets credit for teaching any book, and without taking the test himself on it.

—BR—

### LARGEST CROWD AT LAUREL INTERMEDIATE RALLY

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Laurel.—(Special) — The main auditorium overflowed, the balcony filled, and chairs were placed in every available space to take care of the largest number ever to attend a Sunday School Rally of this sort in Mississippi, at the West Laurel Baptist Church last Sunday. The weather was hot, mighty hot, rain came, but so did the people—711 of them, to hear Chief A. C. Rutzen, G-Man from New Orleans, sound the cry: "Crime Does Not Pay—You Can't Get By With It!" Calling on church folks to teach and lead youths in the paths of right, begging for cooperation from all red-blooded Americans to fight fifth columnists, Chief Rutzen explained the work and interest of the FBI. Quoting specific examples of the downfall of supposedly romantic characters of gangland, and showing the working of foreign agents in our country, whom he characterized as termites working from within, Mr. Rutzen left no doubt in the hearts and minds of boys and girls, and men and women as to the right course to follow.

Thirty-six churches representing 10 associations were present. East Columbia with 38 people coming 61½ miles won the attendance banner. First Church, Gulfport, sent 21 representatives 103 miles to take the honor for coming the longest distance, and this is the best record we have any knowledge of coming to a rally in Mississippi. West Laurel had the most people present.

It was clearly an Intermediate program. Intermediate boys ushered. Intermediate girls gave out the programs, in Intermediate colors. Harold Burt, Intermediate of West Laurel gave the welcome, most graciously. Edna Earl Poyner, of Fifth Ave., Intermediate Department, Hattiesburg, gave the response, wholeheartedly. An Intermediate girl from Second Avenue, Laurel, Dorothy Pickering, gave the Intermediate scripture, the 100th Psalm, and the Intermediates from West Laurel, sang the Intermediate song—"Serve the Lord with Gladness." It was mighty fine!

—BR—

"Daddy's what the meaning of de luxe?"

"You pay about 50% more for de looks."

—BR—

Richmond, Va.—(F.M.B.) — The week of July 14 brought back from war-torn China eight of Southern Baptists' beloved and valiant missionaries. The list includes Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Herring of Kweilin; Rev. and Mrs. Eugene L. Hill of Canton; Miss Olive Riddell of Kweiteh. These and all other missionaries home on furlough are requested by the Board to take two months of complete rest before accepting invitations to speak or teach.

### AMAZING FOUR YEARS' PROGRESS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

1936—1940

By N. P. ALLDREDGE, A. M., D. D.

Secretary Department of Survey, Statistics and Information  
Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

#### 1. Baptisms and Net Gains in Membership.

In 1936 we had 191,993 baptisms, and 92,898 net increase in members. In 1937 we had 204,567 baptisms, and 113,287 net increase in members. In 1938 we had 256,814 baptisms, and 174,583 net increase in members. In 1939 we had 269,155 baptisms, and 178,989 net increase in members. Totals in 4 years. 922,529 baptisms, 559,757 net increase in members. Net increase of baptisms, 77,167 per year. Net gain of new church members—139,939 per year.

#### 2. Sunday School Gains.

Increase in the number of Sunday Schools.....	1,371
Gain in the number of Sunday School teachers.....	36,640
Gain in Sunday School enrollment.....	366,395
Average yearly gains in Sunday School enrollment.....	91,599
Increased number of Vacation Bible Schools.....	3,305
Gain in Vacation Bible School enrollment.....	280,499
Baptisms coming directly from Sunday School.....	615,014
Average baptisms per year from Sunday Schools.....	153,753
Sunday School Study Course awards.....	574,382
Increased circulation of Sunday School periodicals.....	409,383

#### 3. Gains In Training Union Work.

Gain in number of Unions.....	10,819
Gain in number of Story Hours.....	3,569
Gain in total enrollment of Unions and Story Hours.....	186,586
Present enrollment of Unions and Story Hours.....	874,791
Training Union Study Course awards issued.....	877,820

#### 4. Gain In Church Property.

Gain in number of new church houses.....	682
Gain in pastors' homes.....	401
Gain in value of church property.....	\$12,622,781

#### 5. Gain in W. M. U. Work.

Gain in the number of W. M. U. organizations.....	5,021
Gain in the enrollment.....	154,079
Gain in contributions.....	\$ 584,072

#### 6. Gain In Contributions.

Gain in gifts for local church work.....	\$ 8,605,216
Gain in gifts for missions and benevolences.....	1,642,748
Gain in total gifts for all purposes.....	\$10,247,964

#### 7. Southern Baptists Gains in 1939.

Compared With United Methodists*	
(1) Adult baptisms of United Methodists.....	150,639
Adult baptisms of Southern Baptists.....	269,155
(2) Membership gains of United Methodists.....	92,313
Membership gains of Southern Baptists.....	178,989
(3) Gain in Methodist Young People's Societies' enrollment.....	6,860
Gain in Southern Baptist Training Union enrollment....	106,947
(4) Gain in Methodists total contributions.....	\$ 256,981
Gain in Baptist total contributions.....	\$ 1,871,191

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## The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children:

I have a verse for you that is not too long for even the smallest to learn. The very youngest might learn half of it this week, and half the next, and all of us would do well to learn it by heart and make it our prayer. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." Psalm 141:3. If the Lord keeps the doors of our lips, then nothing unkind, ugly, cross, ill-tempered, untrue or unclean can pass through them. Won't you learn this verse and let the Lord keep the door of your lips?

This letter would not be complete without thanking each of you for the donations which you have sent to further our work. Besides the gifts enclosed in letters, we also received another from Mrs. E. B. Traylor. She is a good friend of the Circle, and we appreciate exceedingly the quiet way she has of slipping coins or bills in our hand and saying "Use that in the Children's Circle." To all of you we are grateful.

With Love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

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Kosciusko, Miss.  
July 24, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl nine years old. I wonder if you would move over and give me just a little room. I won't stay long. I go to Sunday School at the Baptist Church. My teacher is Mrs. Ray. I love her. I am in the fourth grade at school next year. I will be glad when school starts. I am a young aunt. I have a sister who lives at Magee, Mrs. Myrtle Little. We don't take the Baptist Record, but a good lady, Mrs. Safford gives mother the paper every week and I enjoy the children's page very much. I am going to Vaiden Saturday to spend a week with my little niece, Gladys Gants. I hope I haven't stayed too long, so I can come again.

Annie Lee Tullos.

We will always find room for you, Annie Lee. Come again.—F. L. S.

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West, Mississippi,  
July 26, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write you. I am six years old. I will be seven years old the second of August. I have a little sister five years old. Her name is Dorothy. I have a little brother four months old. I will be in the third grade next year. I go to Mt. Pleasant Church. Rev. A. H. Weller is our pastor. Mrs. Mayfield is my Sunday School teacher. I enjoy reading the children's circle very much.

Your new friend,  
Helen Claire Tate.

We like to enroll members who are six, Helen Claire, because then we expect to have them a long time.—F. L. S.

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Crystal Springs, Miss.  
July 26, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I still read the children's page and enjoy it very much. I have just come back from a visit to Laurel where I had a grand time. I am sending you a copy of a poem I made up yesterday while in bed sick, and ten cents to be used for one of the Circle's worthy causes.

Love,  
Evelyn Natille Pierce.

Natille, a letter from you is always welcome. Your gift is gratefully received too.—F. L. S.

Midway Baptist Church,  
July 27, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am happy to say God has seen fit to keep me here (another year;) I celebrated my 94th birthday Sunday with 160 of my friends and relatives. This occasion was a very pleasant one; Prof. N. J. Smith from Edinburgh brought a very inspiring message which we highly appreciate.

We enjoyed a revival in our church recently which was conducted by our good pastor, Brother A. A. Ward.

God has surely been good to me all these years, and I shall never cease to thank Him; I especially thank Him for the many friends He has given me, and enclosed you'll find \$1.00 as a love offering to the Orphans.

May God ever bless you all,  
Mrs. M. F. Phillips.

Mrs. Phillips, we join your host of friends in congratulating you on this ninety-fourth birthday. It must have been a grand occasion. How we do appreciate this love offering.—F. L. S.

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Waynesboro, Miss., R. 3,  
July 29, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle although I enjoy mother's reading it to me. I am a little boy seven years of age. I am in the second grade. I go to school and Sunday School at Clara. I am sending ten cents to the Orphanage.

Your friend,  
Roy Dennis Canes.

Before long, Roy, you will be able to read the Children's Circle without mother's help. That's how fast little boys grow up. Your contribution is thankfully received.—F. L. S.

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Route 1, Raymond, Miss.,  
July 29, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

May I join the Children's Circle? I enjoy reading the children's circle every Thursday. I am 12 years of age and will be in the 8th grade when school starts.

I go to Sunday School at Siwel Baptist Church. My mother, Mrs. C. A. Hill, is our teacher. We have 15 in our Sunday School Class. Our revival meeting closed Friday night with the most inspirational preaching we ever heard. Rev. E. D. Estes preached. Brother Leroy Boland, our good pastor, led the singing. We are trusting that we will be better Christians for having heard the gospel so faithfully preached. We pray God's blessings on Brother Estes wherever he goes. We had 12 additions: 8 for baptism, 1 by statement, and 3 by letter. I am sending 10c for the orphans.

Wishing you much success in your work. I am, your new friends,

Catherine Hill.

Catherine, we should all be better Christians after having had the privilege of hearing the gospel preached. Your enclosed gift will be very helpful and we are grateful.—F. L. S.

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Vance, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write to the circle. I want to answer Mrs. Cap's question. The beautiful lady was Esther and the book was the Book of Esther. This question was found in July 25th's Record.

Mrs. Steele, I enjoy reading the Baptist Record; I am receiving my own Record by the help of the pastor of our church. He is so good and kind and his dear wife too. We are holding our revival this week. I

wish all the girls and boys of the circle including you could be with us.

Your friend,  
Lucille Sanders.

Lucille, we'd have a hard time getting along without the encouragement of our good pastors and their wives, wouldn't we? Thanks for the invitation. I'm sure many would like to accept.—F. L. S.

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Olive Branch,  
July 31, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am sending you my Jeannie Lipsey Club dues for June and July.

I have attended three Vacation Bible Schools since school closed and I have been invited to attend another beginning the second Monday in August.

Mother had a birthday the third of July so the extra with my club dues is for the orphans.

With love,  
Fannie Mae Henley.

Fannie Mae, they will be calling on you soon to serve as an officer or teacher in the D. V. B. S. I believe you'd make a good one. This excellent assistance in our Circle work from you and your mother is very much appreciated. Again we thank you.—F. L. S.

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### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1940 Special to Orphanage

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Katherine Bishop	.10
Kathleen Blackwell	.10
Mary Evelyn Coglan	.10
Mrs. Cap	.50
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Audrey Grice	.05
Hettie Lee Gomillion	.05
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J. L. Club No. 1 F. M. Henley leader	1.00
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Mary Lee McDaniel	.10
Mary Myers	.05
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William V. Skelton	.20
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Total	\$7.55

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### Special to Crippled Children

Mary Ellen Oswalt	.10
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### FACING OUR GREAT TASK WITH COURAGE

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"We call the attention of Southern Baptists to the word of the Lord to Joshua as found in Joshua 13:1, 'And there yet remaineth very much land to be possessed.' If we approach our great task faintheartedly we may find ourselves in the predicament of young king Joash who had been assured by the prophet Elisha that he should smite the Syrians in Aphek till he had consumed them. The prophet then tested the young king to see if he were really in earnest and would worthily meet his formidable foe. The man of God said to him, 'Take the arrows.' And he took them and he said unto the King of Israel, 'Smite upon the ground,' and he smote thrice and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him and said, 'Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it; whereas as now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.'

"The implication is that smiting three times would not destroy the enemy and the lesson for us is plain that we may stop short of accomplishing our task in connection with the retirement plans of the Relief and Annuity Board by being faint-hearted and by stopping short of the effort required to insure a glorious success. Let it be our high resolve that we will finish the work we have started."

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### INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JACKSON

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Jackson, Miss., August 5. —(Special). An Intermediate Sunday school rally for the Baptists of Central Mississippi will be held in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., September 1, at 2:30 p. m. This rally will bring together boys and girls and Sunday school workers from Hinds, Warren, Claiborne, Jefferson, Copiah, Rankin, Scott, Smith, Newton, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Leake, Attala, Madison, Yazoo, and surrounding counties.

Miss Mary Virginia Lee, South-wide secretary of the Intermediate Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will direct this rally. Chief A. C. Rutzen, Special Agent in charge of the New Orleans branch of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will bring the feature message. John A. Farmer.

—BR—

Richmond, Va., (F. M. B.) —Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead, missionaries to Bucharest, Rumania, have arrived in America with their two sons and two daughters. Mr. Craighead, upon advice of the American Consul, left Rumania on the last train departing for France. Joining Mrs. Craighead and the children whom he had previously taken to Scotland for their safety, he sailed for America, arriving July 19. Their address while in this country is 1308 Dallas Road, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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## Suggestions for Report of Baptist Training Union to District Association

Each year the Baptist Training Union adopts a theme. This year the theme is "The New Testament Pattern of Church Membership." The Scripture-Walk as children of light... proving what is well pleasing unto the Lord. Each month there is a theme, always based on the general theme, with suggested activities for the month. Helpful thoughts and suggestions are given each month in the Monthly Baptist Training Union Magazine for the carrying out of these suggested activities. Unions that follow these suggestions prove to be real Training units of the church.

The Southwide Five-Year program closes with this year. God has smiled upon the work during these five years and has brought victory, not complete victory, but victory sufficient to make all hearts glad. Not every church has organized a Training Union, and not every Baptist has been enlisted, but the growth has been amazing and so we enter another period with renewed effort to make perfect these high aims.

The five year program will be climaxed with a great southwide Training Union Conference. This Conference is to be held in Memphis, December 31-January 3. There we will have a complete report on the work for the past five years, and there new goals will be set up and a challenging program adopted that will send us out to work WITH the Lord, asking for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Record and Training Union Magazine will bring full details of this great meeting. Mississippi, and our association should be largely represented.

The Southwide Assembly, held in Ridgecrest each July, continues to grow in interest and influence. This year, as usual Mississippi had a good attendance there. The bus that is planned by the State Training Union Department carried twenty-eight persons this year. Many others went in their own cars, and on public carriers.

Mr. Chester Quarles, for several years Training Union Secretary of Alabama, has been employed by the Sunday School Board to serve as Associational leader in the Southwide Training Union Department, taking the place of Mr. W. A. Harrell who was transferred to another department.

A brief report from our State Training Union Department reveals the fact that the District Conventions held in June and July were attended in most instances, and a fine spirit prevailed. The State Training Union Convention is to meet with First Church Laurel, November 27, 28, 29, opening session the evening of the 27th. Study Course awards for the year has reached the peak, we having issued

more than in any year in the history of Training Union. The goal for 50,000 for the five year period seems assured, more than 13,000 issued this year. The summer program has been the largest ever promoted in the state. More than sixty volunteer workers have given of their time in the matter of organizing unions and teaching study courses, fifty of these having contributed as much as five weeks. These volunteers have given the equivalent of five years continuous service for one person, and only God can know the blessings brought to individual lives and to communities.

The Associational emphasis continues to be the most challenging interest since it is through the Associational organization that churches can be reached and enlisted. Our state has been constantly promoting the Associational organization, and Mr. Wilds, our State Training Union Secretary reports that at one time every association in the state has been organized into an Associational Training Union. This should be true now and not only should every association be organized, but FUNCTIONING, which means that regular meetings will be held, and extension work, such as visiting the churches, organizing unions, teaching study courses, etc. etc. will be carried on.

Report for your association to be included here.

## New Hope in Yalobusha Organizes

Thanks to Brother Kermit Cofer for a new union in Yalobusha Co. The new Hope church organized and followed the organization with a study course with Mr. Cofer going out each night and teaching the course. Mr. Cofer is a busy lawyer but finds time to promote the Lord's work, not waiting for opportunities, but making them. The officers of the New Hope union are as follows: President O. H. Chapman; Vice Pres., Mrs. Luke Roberts; Sec., Mrs. Creston Spearman; Treasurer, Mrs. Emmett McNulty; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sam Hyde; B. R. L., Mrs. Davis Coulter; Pianist, Miss Maud Jones; Group Captains, Mrs. Oswalt Landreth, Mrs. Marvin Schmitz, and Mrs. Hubert Hyde. Congratulations, and best wishes New Hope.

## E. Franck Lee Ordained to the Ministry

Brother Franck Lee, ministerial student at Mississippi College, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on Wednesday evening, July 24th. The service was in Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., where Mr. and Mrs. Lee were members before coming to Mississippi. Dr. Robert G. Lee preached the ordination sermon, the ordination council being made up of Dr. Lee and the deacons of Bellevue church. Special printed programs gave the service step, by step. Brother Lee has been called

to serve the Camden church in Madison Co., and it was at their request the ordination was administered. Friends of Brother Lee rejoice with him in his call and ordination, and pray for him a long and useful life.

S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE		
Jackson, First	911	189
Jackson, Calvary	920	131
Jackson, Northside	110	131
Jackson, Southside	79	78
Jackson, Parkway		195
Jackson, Davis, July 28	181	82
Jackson, Davis	211	
Corinth, Tate St.	115	18
Ramah	103	
Morrison Chapel	127	54
" " July 28	172	81
Mt. Zion-Covington	71	
Lumberton	145	66
Union	167	57
Bethlehem-Jones,		
July 28	127	
Bethlehem-Jones	128	101
Pascagoula	235	96
Eupora	110	
West Laurel	590	181
Crystal Springs,		
July 28	352	
Crystal Springs	360	129
Bethesda, Oktibbeha Co.		
July 21	56	
Bethesda, Oktibbeha Co.		
July 28	35	
Kreole, July 28	64	40
New Zion-Copiah	97	
Wade	41	30
Double Springs	86	
Florence	127	47
Bethlehem-Choctaw	20	
Main St., Hattiesburg	367	113
Spring Hill, Tallahatchie	40	15
Sardis	78	48

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## AN M-DAY FOR CHRIST

In a conference held in Atlanta on July 26th, Secretary Lawson H. Cooke of the Brotherhood and Chairman S. F. Lowe of the Radio Committee, S. B. C., completed plans for a number of Radio Broadcasts in the states of the Southern Convention on Layman's Day, October 20th, in the coming fall. These plans are being passed on as suggestions to Committees composed of one Layman and the Chairman of the Radio Committee in the respective states of the Southern Convention. The general theme will be, "Mobilizing Men for Christ", and the objective is to enlist men in active service for our Lord. It will be remembered that these Layman's Day Broadcasts are being planned at the suggestion of Secretary Cooke of the Brotherhood and upon the recommendation of the Radio Committee in its report to the Baltimore Convention. It is therefore a Convention project in which these men are directed to lead. It will be further remembered that the "M-Day for Christ" and the Southern Baptist Hour are two distinct projects authorized by the recent Convention, both of which will undoubtedly have the heartiest support of our Baptist people.

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—  
Intermediate Sunday School Teacher, Wesson.

Aim: To warn of the dangers of the marihuana cigarette.

Sources: The Bible; Mississippi State Board of Health; The Narcotic Review; American Legion Magazine; Personal Interview with local Physician.

Lesson: I Beginning—Marihuana is a drug, an extremely dangerous drug. Some of you know of its existence; some of you do not. All of you need to be acquainted with it for your own protection. Because you are not always fortunate enough to know what you are smoking you need to know how to recognize it; because as a good citizen you should report its use to authorities. You need to be acquainted with its vernacular; because you might be tempted to try it for the novelty of the thing you need to know its effects.

II Scripture.

But before we begin our discussions, let us read together: Matthew 7:15-20; Matthew 5:13-16; Galatians 6:7; (emphasis here).

III Development.

1. Vernacular:

a. Muggles, Reefers, Mary Weaver, Mary Warner, Indian Hay, Loco Weed, Giggle Smoke, The Weed, Grass, Teac, etc.

b. In New Orleans it passes through a sort of pig-latin code — Eatay for tea; eedvay for weed, etc.

c. "Specials" "singles," "gold-leaf specials".

d. Muggle-head — habitual user.

e. "Crutch;" "roach."

2. Identifying feature — burning hay odor.

3. Sometimes the oil is mixed with ordinary tobacco cigarettes. (warning here).

4. Cost—Our State. New Orleans—now hard to get 30c to 40c apiece, ordinarily sell 6 for \$1.00. Grammar school and High school students easy mark. In Mississippi sold more in South than north. Instance of Jackson schools.

5. Legislation. States legislate differently against the drug. In Mississippi the penalty for growing or peddling is a maximum of 10 years. (Users of marihuana must suffer the consequences of crime committed under the influence of the drug, regardless of irresponsibility).

6. Effects—Unpredictable, varying temperament. "Delightful sensations" more often turn out to be horrible sensations. Shock sometimes lingers in memory for years. Weak character — misconception. Paralysis and coma followed by death, not unknown. Insanity, etc.

7. Cases—Jackson—Doctor's son's statement. Tampa, Florida—whole family slain by boy. Girl—suicide, 15th floor—exam failure. Ohio — gang of seven boys terrorize state prison. Story of Alice and Biff, Millie Steve..

IV. Conclusion. These cases could be brought to you indefinitely. You have nothing to gain, everything to lose. It is one of the quickest of habit-forming drugs. Often a mere matter of weeks. America now

more than ever needs a youth who is strong, able-bodied, upright, a master of his will; not a youth broken in health, weak in will, mentally deranged, and a liability to society in every way. Don't take a chance with the only mind and body you have. Don't smoke the first, and you won't have to worry about the second and third.

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**IN THE HANDS OF CHILDREN**

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To the thoughtful men and women who ask "What can we do in this present emergency?" a recent announcement from the Girl Scouts of the United States brings word of a practical opportunity for church members to help build the spiritual strength of America.

At a time when freedom of religion is under attack and moral standards all over the world clash with material standards, the training of girls, who are not only future citizens but the mothers and influencers of future citizens, becomes particularly important. The enemies of religious freedom realize this. They have been quick to take over the training of girls from seven to eighteen and to see that they contribute to the building of a war machine. They have been equally quick to destroy the voluntary, democratic Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in every conquered country. They know what democracies sometimes overlook—that the Girl Scouts are not only important bulwarks of democratic citizenship but of religious toleration and high ethical standards as well. Every Girl Scout is expected to be a good member of her own church and every girl who becomes a Scout freely promises: "On my honor I will try to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times and to obey the Girl Scout Laws."

The laws which enjoin friendliness, courtesy, helpfulness, kindness, thrift, cheerfulness, and cleanliness of thought, word, and deed are in themselves a moral code of good citizenship.

The Girl Scouts point out that more than half a million girls in the United States, many of them in church-sponsored troops, today are trying to make their promise and law a living force. Millions of others are eager to try. Faced with a threat to religion and democracy it is worth remembering that these girls are asking for training which would help them to strengthen both. They are not Girl Scouts only because not enough of their leaders will spare a few hours a week to lead them.

The Girl Scout organization provides training for leaders and advisers; it helps them to find the place in Scouting most suited to their talents. It is increasing and intensifying the community service and citizenship work of its members. Girl Scout Service Bureaus are being set up throughout the country

to coordinate the plan with the work of other agencies.

Men and women who believe in the spiritual as well as the material importance of democratic citizenship have an opportunity to take part in this undertaking. The voluntary free youth movements of the country are working against time. They cannot be too late.

National Girl Scout News.

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**IN OUR MAIL BAG**

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**By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent**

Hardly a day passes without an appeal for help coming in our mail. The Southern Baptist Hospital is known all over the country, and these appeals come from all the states. Here before me as I write are the following:

From Ashford, Alabama: A young woman writes that she read in a W. M. U. book a story about our work. And as she has been unable to work for five years because of ill health she asks, will we admit her? If she can get well, she says, "I would be able to work again and help my recently widowed mother."

From Camden, Tennessee: A woman is appealing for the father of seven children who "is unable to help himself in any way." She says he is "an exceptionally needy case;" and from what she writes I think he is.

From Milligan, Florida: A member of the W. M. S. asks for help for a neighbor of whom she feels "sure that it is absolutely necessary that she secure some kind of treatment."

From Franklin, North Carolina: A woman writes a long letter telling how she has suffered through the

years without being able to get relief. Will Southern Baptists take her into their Hospital in New Orleans and try to retrieve her lost health? Her letter is a pitiful appeal.

From Laurel, Mississippi: A child who has been horribly burnt and whose parents are too poor to afford hospital care, has awakened the interest of neighbors and they can pay transportation costs if the Southern Baptist Hospital will give free service.

Now, what should we do? We cannot admit all who want to come. We have not the means. It is not an easy task to decide ones to take. But we do our best, and God has greatly blessed us.

All who contribute to the Southern Baptist Hospital have part in this blessed ministry of healing.

Louis J. Bristow.

New Orleans.

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## RESOLUTION

By Opelika Ministerial Association  
To Whom these Presents shall come—Greeting:

Whereas, In the providence of God, Dr. Claud Bowen has been called away from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Opelika, Alabama, and

Whereas, In his new field of labor he shall be resident without the bounds of Opelika, and of our Association, and

Whereas, Dr. Bowen's life and ministry here have been most exemplary and commendable; therefore, be it resolved,

First, That we record our profound regret at the loss of our fellowship with him.

Second, That we express our high esteem of his personal character.

Third, That we note with satisfaction the fine quality of his work, both in his pastoral functioning and in his leadership as a Christian citizen of this community.

Forth, That we pronounce him a "good minister of Jesus Christ," such as one community can ill afford to lose, and another rejoices to gain.

Fifth, That we assure him of our interest in and our prayers for the success of the labors, and of our spiritual fellowship with him, wherever, God willing, enlarged opportunities for him may be indicated.

Sixth, That a copy of these presents be furnished to the Opelika Daily News, for publication therein, and that another copy be forwarded to the church of which Dr. Bowen is about to become the Minister.

Opelika Ministerial Association

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## IF IT COULD BE DONE

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"\$4,000,000,000, the present annual drink bill of the nation, would provide a \$6,000,000 community chest fund for each of the 50 largest cities of America, a \$3,000,000 chest for the next 50, a \$1,000,000 chest for the next 100, and a \$200,000 chest for the next 1,000 cities.

"In addition the drink bill would provide 5,000 hospitals with a sum of \$100,000 for free work among the poor, and would erect a public hospital at a cost of \$250,000, and provide for \$250,000 endowment in each of 1,000 American towns.

"In addition it would provide a \$100,000 playground and endow it with \$200,000 for perpetual care, in each of 1,000 American communities.

"Having done all this it would still pay for the entire bill of the American Army and Navy, and have enough left over to pay the salary of the President of the United States, all members of his Cabinet, all members of the Supreme Court, all members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, all Federal Judges and United States District Attorneys.

"When all this was paid there would be enough left on hand to erect and endow 2,000 public libraries at a cost of 250,000, and provide for doubling the facilities of 2,000 libraries already erected at a cost of 250,000.

"Having done all this we would still have \$150,000,000 to apply on other government expenses."—Dr. Roy L. Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., in The National Voice, March, 1940.

## RIPLEY

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Our revival meeting closed at Ripley Wednesday night July 24th. Dr. Chesley L. Bowden, Pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, was the visiting minister. We had Dr. Bowden with us eleven years ago in a revival meeting, and the people at Ripley appreciated him so much that he was invited back to hold our meeting this summer.

We had a splendid meeting, fifteen for baptism and two by letter. We had the largest crowds in the history of the church, and the spirit of the meeting was good throughout. The pastor had charge of the music, with a large senior choir and also a large junior choir. The spirit has never been better than it is now, we are planning our daily Vacation Bible School to begin August 5th, running through August 18th. We have seventeen members of the faculty for this school.

Our people appreciate the Baptist Record very much, and I am telling you they read it. We will send you some more names of the new members in a few days. I appreciate the great work that you are doing for the Baptist of Mississippi, but you can always depend on a boy from North Carolina.

Mrs. Parker and I have been with the people here twelve years now, and we love the people of Ripley, and they appreciate things that you do for them so very much.

James B. Parker.

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## HEBRON—D. V. B. S.

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A most successful eleven day vacation Bible School has just closed in the Hebron Baptist Church. There was an average daily attendance of sixty, including teachers and workers from an enrollment of seventy-six. An offering for missions was taken daily, the total of which \$2.50, was sent to Dr. McCall. Eleven intermediate girls made a child's dress each which they sent to the Orphanage with other gifts made during the handwork period by other pupils and departments. Forty-eight certificates were awarded at the picnic on Friday afternoon. The commencement exercises were on Friday night.

The faculty consisted of Miss Elizabeth Pickering, principal; Misses Mildred McLaurin, Supt. Int. Dept.; Frances Graves, Eva Jeff Coats and Mr. Ben Graves; Mr. Harold Anderson, Supt. Jr. Dept. and Miss Ruthie Todd; Mrs. Claude Gunn, Supt. Primary Dept.; and Miss Betty Graves; Miss Eloise Huff, Supt. Boys Dept. and Miss Helen McLaurin.

We were glad to have Miss Jimmie Reese, Jones County Student Secretary, assist us during the first week of the school.

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## CHURCH MUSIC EMPHASIS WEEK

I. E. Reynolds

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Through the courtesy of the Home Mission Board Secretary, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Atlanta, Georgia and the Sunday School Board, Secretary, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn., a "Southwide Church Music Emphasis Week" has been arranged for in connection with the Home Mission Week, August 4 through 9 at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. There is a great need for a church music educational program in addition to our other religious educational work. It is hoped that the program during this week will meet with a hearty response from the church musicians and others interested throughout the South.

The writer who has been asked to give direction to the program and teach is to have the able assistance of Professor Inman Johnston of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky and Professor E. O. Sellers of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La. There will be classes in "The Ministry of Church Music", "Choir work", "Hymnology" "Choral Work", "Voice" and "Instrument." The entire afternoon will be given to music instruction.

Churches will do well to send their choir directors, song leaders and accompanists for this work of special church music instruction and demonstration.

For further information write Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, or I. E. Reynolds, Seminary Hill, Texas.

## BETHESDA HOLDS REVIVAL

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The Bethesda Baptist Church of Okibbeha County held its annual meeting July 21-26. The meeting was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

There were ten members received into fellowship of the church, nine on profession and one by statement.

One of our state evangelist, Rev. Otis Perry of Hattiesburg did the preaching. His messages carry true to teaching of God's word, and were delivered in a very impressive and forceful manner. Our church is greatly edified and we thank God for his coming.

Respectfully,  
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This picture presents many attendants upon the first meeting of the Southwest Mississippi Baptist Assembly, Percy Quin Park, McComb. It is expected this will be an annual feature of our denomination life. Dr. S. H. Jones is

president; Dr. W. R. Cooper is Vice-President, and Dr. Fred Bookter is Secretary-treasurer. The usual inspirational and study programs were had mornings and evenings with afternoons given over to fellowship.

#### THEN AND NOW

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We are frequently admonished to the effect, that we should go slow in discussing the fact that the fulfilment of Scripture prophecies indicate that we are almost to the end of this age, and that the rapture of the church may occur at any time.

One of the outstanding reasons for such admonitions is, that there have been times in the past, when some people believed that the end of the age was near. Because people taught such in the past because they were ignorant of the Bible, is no proof that we are ignorant of the Bible now. Besides the mysteries of the prophecy of Daniel were definitely sealed by Divine fiat until "the time of the end." There are clear indications that the same is true of other prophecies, notably Eze. 37, Joel 3, and Revelation 13.

In former times when men believed the end of the age was near, there was no political grant by any nation, that the Jews might return to Palestine by the hundreds of thousands, and that they would be protected there; and not since they were dispersed after the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70, has there been approximately one half million of them located there. Twenty-five years ago, where the high classed city of Haifa, with a population of one hundred and twenty-five thousand Jewish inhabitants now stands, there was not even a "hut" where a Jew lived. If those who taught in the past had known their Bibles as they should, they would have known that Jesus would not return until a great number of Jews are established in Palestine.

Those who taught in other days were ignorant of the fact that the PBible teaches that the Roman Empire will be revived in the form of 10 separate nations, but will finally come under the authority of a dictator just before Jesus returns.

Eighty years ago, the territory comprised in the old Roman empire constituted twenty-three separate nations. Now they are reduced to eleven. In no thousand years, since the closing of the canon of Scripture, has the world witnessed so many direct fulfilments of prophecy, as he has the last twenty-five years. But in spite of all these things our brethren of the post-millennial persuasion go blindly on talking about "winning the world for Christ." No wonder Jesus said "Search the Scriptures."

In other years when men taught

that the end of the age was near, the great apostasy had not taken place. The dark ages was entirely different. False teaching was all-powerful, and those who held and taught the truth were persecuted, and as far as possible destroyed. In the last twenty-five years great institutions formerly dedicated to the proclamation of orthodox Bible teaching, have gone over to Modernism, and outstanding men are fraternizing with skeptics and atheists, while the power that formerly persecuted, now opens her arms and invites the "erring ones" into her embrace.

Finally, since there is not one line of prophecy anywhere of another dispersion of the Jews followed by another regathering of them to Palestine from among all nations of earth before the return of Christ, then this is bound to be that final gathering immediately preceding that event. How many years remain no one knows. But Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand." Luke 21:28-31. These Scriptures confirm two great facts: First, the return of Jesus is near, even at the door; Second, that the Kingdom of God is not on earth now, neither literal nor spiritual, and all phraseology indicating that it is here, is unscriptural and false regardless of who uses it.

L. D. Posey.

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#### JUNIPER GROVE CHURCH

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We closed a very successful Vacation Bible School here with 68 average attendance, Miss Eunice Smith was principal of the school with the assistance of some consecrated teachers as helpers. And in connection with the Vacation Bible School our able pastor brought some very soul stirring messages in a Youth's Revival. There wasn't a great increase in members but we feel sure that much and lasting good come as a result of Brother Hilbun's messages we are very grateful to Brother Hilbun's fine son Billy for the effective way in which he conducted the song service. Pray for us that the Lord's work will ever reign here.

Reporter.

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Bix: "See here, what do you mean by going around telling people I am a first-class idiot?"

Dix: "I didn't say first-class."

#### RETURNING TO CHINA AT EIGHTY-FIVE

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—Southern Baptists will want to congratulate Dr. R. T. Bryan, now eighty-five, and his wife upon their courageous desire to return to China at such a time as this.

Aboard the S. S. President Cleveland of the American President Lines in San Francisco harbor only a little while before sailing on July 4, they sent the following to Southern Baptists:

"At last after almost three years in U. S. A. we seem really to be on our way back home to China. We have enjoyed our stay here but somehow China is the only place that seems like home.

"Our own loved ones have held us in their homes for weeks, never seeming to tire of us. Friends have entertained us royally and we have found many new friends who have been at our disposal with their homes, their motor cars and their time. All this has made our stay in the homeland most enjoyable.

"Perhaps our most prized pleasure has been the opportunities given us through churches and W. M. U. work to teach and tell about China. Now with loved ones pleading with us to stay in the U. S. A. and friends looking astonished when we announce that we are leaving, and with a feeling that not one of them understands us, how can we explain our conduct?

"We have prayed much to be led to do the right thing. We have asked many times that the door be closed if it not God's will for us to return. The Lord seems to have shown us a wide open door, so we are starting.

"Letters come by every mail telling us of a great reaping time. We have sowed for many years and have seen some harvest but we will rejoice to see the abundant reaping now taking place. We long to have a share in it.

"Our Loving Father seems to say to us, "I have done my part by opening the way. Now it is your duty to return to China." And lo, I will be with you always. If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." "He leadeth me, O blessed thought."

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#### BENGTSON OF SPAIN DIES

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Richmond, Va.—(F.M.B.) — The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention received recently the notice of the sudden death of Missionary Niles J. Bengtson. For several weeks he has been ill in the Evangelical Hospital in Barcelona, Spain, but he was reported to be recovering when death came very unexpectedly.

Mr. Bengtson is a native of Sweden and served many years under the Sweden Baptist Foreign Mission Board before coming with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1931 when at the London conference the reorganization of European mission work transferred the Spain work to Southern Baptists.

His wife and one son survive this veteran missionary.

#### "Keeping His and Our Vineyard"



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